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Supervisors bless backyard amphitheater

Approval of county ordinance will allow retired concert promoter to hold up to three events per year at his home in Kensington

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors voted 4-1 this week to support a county ordinance that would allow retired

concert promoter Danny Scher to legally hold up to three events a year in his backyard amphitheater on Coventry Road in Kensington.

Because the board made several modifications to the ordinance, it will go to the county planning commission in September for a new recommendation and then back to the board for a final vote, as required by state law.

"I do think this is legalizing a

commercial use in a residential area," said Supervisor Gayle Uilkema of Lafayette, who voted against the ordinance Tuesday. "I can't support that, and I'll never support that. I would be run out of town in my district."

Uilkema was the only sympathetic ear to about a dozen Kensington residents who have complained about periodic fund-raising events held in the 250-seat backyard amphitheater at Scher's home.

With the events necessitating the delivery of such items as portable toilets and catering, residents said they bring down property values and are disruptive for the days leading up to and after the events.

Residents in support of the ordinance were also present, saying Scher has provided a needed venue for fund-raising events in the area while minimizing neighborhood disruption.

Former San Jose Deputy City

Manager Connie Martinez said Scher held a benefit for her after doctors told her she had cancer.

Jim Hogan, the director of the California Youth Symphony, told the board that Scher invited his group to hold a benefit in his backyard and was shocked when he learned the county had fined Scher for hosting it.

Scher told the board the county should legally allow him to hold his events as long as it's not a public nuisance.

"This law protects me as it does my neighbors," he said.

Scher has appealed \$800 in fines the county has levied for three concerts he held last year.

If approved by the Board of Supervisors, the recommended law would allow Scher to annually hold two events with no more than 200 people and one event with no more than 300 people.

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City looks for ways to improve pathway

The goal is to make the trail near El Cerrito Plaza wheelchair accessible

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The city may need to replace a pathway made of recycled glass at El Cerrito Plaza if it can't make the path accessible to people in wheelchairs. Spanning three blocks between Talbot and Kains avenues, the pathway is nestled between a quiet creek and a bustling parking lot on the south side of El Cerrito Plaza.

The city installed it in late May as part of a number of improvements intended to help create a connection between the Whilene Greenway and the San Francisco Bay Trail.

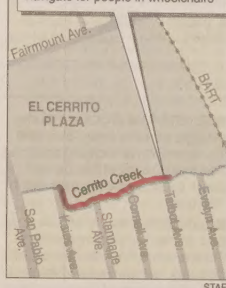
"I hope it works out," said Mayor Pro Tem Janet Abelson, who uses a motorized wheelchair. "But I know for wheelchair users there's some difficulties." The path is composed of shards of green, brown, amber and clear recycled glass, also called cullet, tumbled to remove the sharp edges. Like gravel, it crunches beneath the feet of a person walking over it but also sparkles in the sunlight.

Susan Schwartz, the coordinator for the Friends of Five Creeks, said the path was primarily her idea. She said the city was looking for a material that would allow water to seep into the dirt, to avoid excess run-off into Cerrito Creek.

In addition, said Chris Kent, landscape architect who helped design the project, recycled glass is both cheap and has an interesting look.

Glass walkway

A new pathway covered entirely with bits of recycled glass is difficult to navigate for people in wheelchairs



"It's used a lot for residential paths," said Kent, a principal with Oakland-based PGAdesign. "You can't find a lot of places where it's used commercially."

Kent said the problem is that the glass slips out of the 2-inch-wide tubes within the recycled plastic mats placed underneath the cullet.

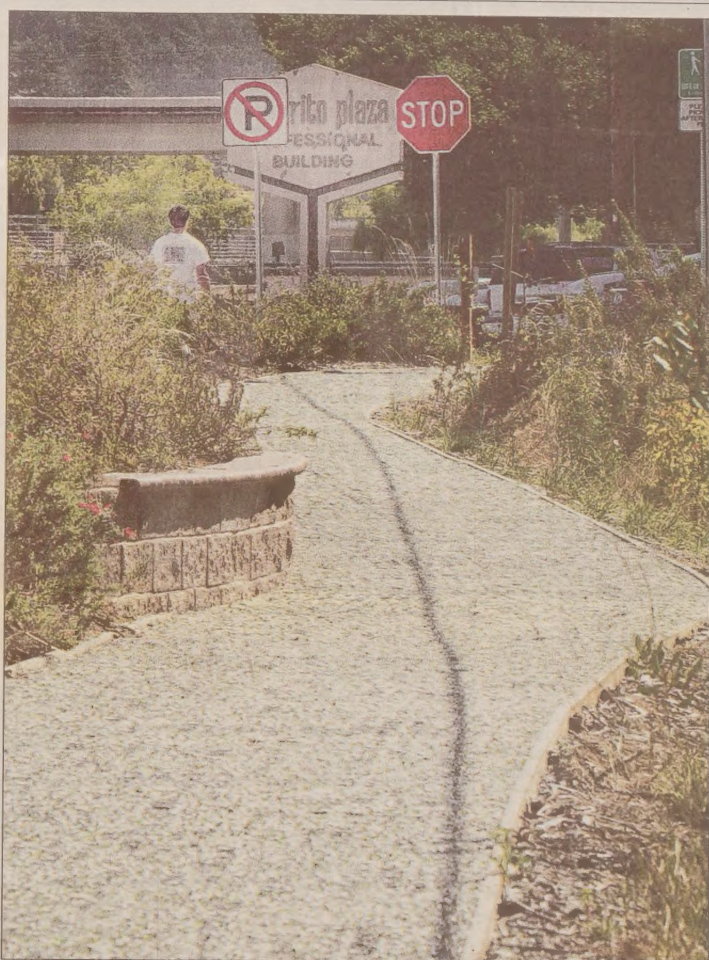
Bicyclists are concerned that the glass, some of which spills out onto the parking lot, will puncture their tires.

And the exposed tubing creates steering problems for people in wheelchairs.

"There's a drag that's created in my powerchair," said Abelson. "I also have trouble controlling the direction that I go in."

Mintz said she and Public Works Director Jerry Bradshaw are evaluating the project and looking for a solution.

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A NEW PATH made of bits of recycled glass was recently installed near Cerrito Creek in El Cerrito, but it might not meet standards of the Americans With Disabilities Act.

St. Mary's buildings remain in limbo

High school had agreed to tear down a handful of buildings in exchange for permission to build Frates Hall in 1999

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — The City Council has again postponed a final vote on whether to uphold an appeal of a planning and zoning commission decision allowing St. Mary's College High School to retain a band pavilion, snack shack and 652 square feet of additional classroom space.

The Peralta Park Neighborhood Association appealed a decision by the planning and zoning commission allowing St. Mary's to keep the facilities. St. Mary's straddles the Albany-Berkeley border.

The planning commission decision came despite a requirement that the school tear down the buildings as a condition of allowing it to build Frates Memorial Hall in 1999, a 9,100-square-foot, two-story building with seven classrooms.

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Albany schools to put parcel tax to voters

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

The Albany school district will ask voters this November to approve a parcel tax that would charge homeowners \$250 per home annually and commercial property owners 5 cents per square foot of space, or \$250 per parcel, whichever is higher.

The tax, which would exempt seniors and both low-income homeowners and renters, would end after seven years.

The school board voted 4-1 on Tuesday to move forward with the measure, which if approved by two-thirds of voters, will raise about \$2 million per year for the district. Board member David Farrell dissented.

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Cost review stalls approval of contracts

West Contra Costa school district paid one consulting firm more than \$310,000 last year

By Shirley Dang
STAFF WRITER

West Contra Costa school board members launched a review of consultant spending after discovering last week that one firm earned more than \$310,000 last year under five agreements.

In one instance, the district paid Michael O'Neill of the Bridgeworks Group nearly \$15,000 for four days of work.

Board member Karen Pfeifer said

she did not question O'Neill's credentials, but his price tag.

"Had I had been asked to pay for four days of service to the tune of \$15,000, I wouldn't have voted yes," Pfeifer said. "I think it's exorbitant. I don't like it."

The board was slated to approve a number of contracts Aug. 3, including a \$210,000 Bridgeworks agreement to work with six struggling campuses. The three board members present approved the other payments but voted to delay a vote on O'Neill's main contract until more details about the company's work were made clear.

Board members Glen Price and Karen Leong Fenton were absent.

O'Neill was traveling and could not comment.

The revelation of high consultant pay, long a sore spot with parents and the teachers union, has prompted board members to question how the district establishes contracts.

According to district policy, the five-member body is only required to approve agreements \$63,000 and higher, said Associate Superintendent Vince Kilmartin. On Aug. 3, the board was asked to authorize several payments for services already provided, many of them increases to previously authorized contracts.

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Witness to the wreckage

COLBURN from the Class of 1977 stops to watch as the north wing of the El Cerrito High school campus gets demolished Aug. 4.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Albany

City Council cancels Monday meeting

The City Council will next meet on Tuesday, Sept. 6. Its Monday meeting has been canceled. For more information, call 510-528-5710.

Applications still accepted for commissions

The city is still accepting applications for positions on the new economic and social justice commission. For more information on the commission and to download the application, visit albanyca.org or call the city clerk at 510-528-5710.

El Cerrito

Democratic club to meet Tuesday

The El Cerrito Democratic Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Makemie Hall at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave. The group will consider the November propositions after a short business meeting. For more information, call 510-527-2194.

Banners planned for Fairmount Avenue

The city is planning to install an array of banners on street light poles on Fairmount Avenue in early September. The banners include large decorative drawings of flowers and trees, with the El Cerrito logo. They also say "Fairmount Ave." and invite residents to "Shop! Eat! and Play!"

To allow the banners, the city is adding a new exception to its prohibited sign ordinance. The City Council, at its July 18 meeting, approved a first reading of the new ordinance language, which says the city can install banners for "city sponsored activities or promotions."

The council is expected to approve a second reading at its Monday meeting. The ordinance would go into effect 30 days thereafter.

Grant money sought for Ohlone Greenway

The city is co-sponsoring two grant applications for a total of \$1.4 million in grant money intended to increase safety on the Ohlone Greenway and thereby BART usage.

One application — dubbed the El Cerrito-Albany Ohlone Greenway Safety program — is for \$1.1 million. The other grant application — called the El Cerrito-Del Norte BART station electronic bicycle locker and personal safety project — is for \$382,500.

The city submitted the two "Safe Route to Transit" grant applications to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Transportation and Land Use Coalition the week of July 25.

The Safe Routes to Transit program is funded by the recent \$1 bridge toll increases, which went into effect after voters approved Regional Measure 2.

The grant money would help pay for a variety of safety measures and amenities on the Ohlone Greenway in El Cerrito and Albany.

They include electronic bike lockers at the Del Norte BART station; wireless surveillance cameras in El Cerrito; 17 solar-powered emergency call boxes; new lighting along the entire span in Albany and between Blake and Hill streets in El Cerrito; new signs; intersection realignment at two intersections in Albany; and a median island at Mooser Lane.

Draft of telecom law to be released

A draft telecommunications law regulating where cell phone antennas can be erected in the city will be available Aug. 26 at City Hall or on the city's Web site, el-cerrito.org.

The ordinance is part of an overhaul of the city's zoning code the City Council may approve this December, following review by the planning commission. The city has released 42 pages of the document and will release more in the coming weeks.

City Hall is located at 10890 San Pablo Ave. For more information, call 510-215-4330.

Misc.

Residents can recycle tires for free

West County residents can recycle up to four tires for free from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Household Hazardous Waste facility at 101 Pittsburg Ave. in Richmond. Only passenger or light truck tires — 18 inches or less — will be accepted. No rims. The West County Integrated Waste Management Authority is sponsoring the event, which is funded by a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board. For more information, go online at recyclemore.com or call 510-215-3021.

— Alan Lopez

CORRECTIONS

A story in last week's Journal incorrectly described a proposal by Albany Vice Mayor Allan Maris for changing the way items are placed on the City Council agenda. Maris proposed that at a prior meeting, a council member would announce his or her wish to place an item on an upcoming agenda and then submit a written report at the next meeting. If a council member did not think the agenda item was properly prepared, a motion could be made to continue it to a future meeting. Currently, any council member can bring an item to the dais for discussion or a vote, as long as it is placed on the agenda six days in advance.

A June 24 story in the Journal on a privately funded poll about the Albany waterfront misquoted Vice Mayor Allan Maris. Maris said: "As far as the survey goes, it's full of holes, but most polls have a few holes."

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Albany teachers, board to vote on new two-year labor accord

By Shirley Dang
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — The Albany teachers union and school district have reached a tentative labor agreement for the next two years.

The district's 180 teachers will receive a 3 percent pay increase for the 2005-06 school year, according to a district statement released Tuesday.

The contract will go into effect retroactive to July 1, pending ratification by union members and the school board. The prior agreement expired June 30.

For 2006-07, both sides agreed to use additional state funding to cover employee health insurance increases first. The union and district would then bargain how much of the leftovers would be used for salary increases, according to the statement.

Negotiations began in late May. Compared with previous bargaining sessions that stretched into the school year, talks progressed much more quickly this time around, said Superintendent Willie Wong.

"We all recognized it was beneficial to get this done as early as

possible," Wong said.

The 3,550-student district has a budget of about \$25 million.

Salary increases for this school year total an estimated \$450,000, Wong said.

The following year, benefit and salary increases would be paid from additional money the state gives to districts for cost-of-living adjustments. The rate is calculated using a complicated formula based on multiple factors and is distributed on a per-student basis.

The Albany Teachers Association is expected to vote on the

terms in the coming months. The contract will be approved by the school board for consideration, Wong said.

Teachers Association President Diana Lamson and representative David De Hart are on vacation and could not be reached for comment.

The Alameda County Office of Education must also sign the agreement to make the district can afford to pay increases.

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EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

Monday Aug. 1

■ **UNDER INFLUENCE** — At 11 p.m., police arrested a woman on suspicion of being under the influence of a controlled substance, at Carlson Boulevard and San Diego Street.

■ **DISHWASHER STOLEN** — Sometime between 6 p.m. on Aug. 1 and 9 a.m. the next day, someone stole an automatic dishwashing unit from an apartment complex under construction at 6410 Schmidt Lane.

Tuesday, Aug. 2

■ **STOLEN CREDIT CARD** — A woman attempted to use a stolen credit card at Target at 6:42 p.m. She fled in a four-door 1990 Buick.

■ **LEXUS STOLEN** — Sometime between 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 2 and 7:15 a.m. the next day, a 1992 Lexus SC400 was taken from the 400 block of Liberty Street.

Wednesday, Aug. 3

■ **CARAVAN RECOVERED** — Police recovered a stolen 2003 Dodge Caravan on the 400 block of Liberty Street at 4:10 a.m. The vehicle was reported stolen to

Monday, August 1

■ **GRAB AND RUN** — At about 11:30 p.m. someone reported that they were the victim of a grab and run by a man while walking on the 900 block of Peralta Avenue.

Tuesday, August 2

■ **NISSAN RECOVERED** — Officers located a white 1993 Nissan pickup on the 700 block of Cornell Avenue that had been stolen from Berkeley.

■ **ISUZU STOLEN** — An Oakland man reported that someone stole his red 1989 Isuzu Trooper while it was parked near Talbot and Garfield avenues. There were no witnesses.

■ **DUI** — A caller from a bar on the 1400 block of Solano Avenue reported that an intoxicated customer had left in a gray Toyota Tundra, and expressed worry about his safety. Officers located and arrested the El Cerrito man for DUI.

■ **THEFT ATTEMPT** — An Albany man on the 800 block of Curtis Street reported that a person attempted to take his car. The culprit fled, dropping a set of keys, and was last seen going south on Curtis Street. The keys were given to police.

Wednesday, August 3

■ **CARS RECOVERED** — Officers located a blue 1998 Volvo SW in the Safeway parking lot and a white 1987 Cadillac near Cleveland and Washington avenues that had been reported as stolen.

■ **CARS STOLEN** — A black 1995 Honda Civic on the 900 block of Stannage Avenue and a burgundy-colored

El Cerrito police on June 21.

■ **CREDIT CARD FRAUD** — A resident from the 900 block of Balra Drive reported to police that someone had fraudulently charged \$1,343 worth of purchases to the resident's credit card.

■ **FIRE DAMAGE** — By 6:20 p.m., a fire on the 1700 block of Julian Court had caused \$300,000 worth of damage.

■ **ACCORD STOLEN** — Sometime between 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 3 and noon the next day, a 1988 Honda Accord was taken from the 6500 block of Manila Avenue.

Thursday, Aug. 4

■ **DRUG ARREST** — At 12:56 a.m., police arrested a woman on suspicion of possessing four rocks of crack cocaine following a traffic stop at Elm Street and Manor Circle.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Sometime between 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., luggage and CDs were taken from a vehicle on Belmont Avenue south of Central Avenue.

■ **DRUG ARREST** — At 11:40 p.m., police arrested a man on suspicion of possessing a crack pipe at Knott Avenue and Key Boulevard.

■ **UNDER INFLUENCE** — Police ar-

1986 Toyota truck parked on the 1100 block of Masonic Avenue were stolen during the night.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night someone broke into a white 1994 Acura Legend parked on the 900 block of Stannage Avenue.

■ **ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING** — An Albany woman reported that at about 5 p.m., while on the BART path near Portland Avenue, a man attempted to take her children ages 3½ and 2. The man was described as white, in his 60s, wearing khaki pants, and had a light brown cocker spaniel with him. He approached her children and asked them if they wanted to go home with him but fled when he saw the mother. Police are investigating.

Thursday, August 4

■ **DODGE STOLEN, RETURNED** — At about 4:30 a.m. a resident on the 500 block of Stannage Avenue reported that she heard a noise, and when she checked she found that her green and blue 1994 Dodge Caravan had been stolen. It was located later in the afternoon in the caller's parking space.

■ **EGG THROWING** — Between 10 and 10:30 p.m. there were several reports of juveniles throwing eggs at cars on the 1500 block of Beverly Place and the 1400 block of Thousand Oaks Boulevard.

Friday, August 5

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANTS** — Officers arrested a 21-year-old Union City man driving a silver 1987 Cadillac near Pierce and Buchanan streets for two outstanding warrants for drug charges.

rested man on suspicion of being under the influence while driving a commercial dump truck at 60 miles an hour on San Pablo Avenue. Police arrested the man at Central Avenue.

Friday, Aug. 5

■ **PICK-UP STOLEN** — A 1986 Toyota pick-up truck was taken during the early morning hours from Rancho Court and Portola Drive.

■ **ARMED ROBBERY** — At 10:05 a.m., two men armed with knives robbed a victim of \$100 at San Pablo Avenue and Carlson Boulevard. The men placed the knives to the victim's throat and then took the money from the victim's pocket.

■ **CASH STOLEN** — Sometime between 5 p.m. on Aug. 5 and 8 a.m. the next day, someone pried open a cash box at the El Cerrito Senior Center and took an unknown amount of cash.

Saturday, Aug. 6

■ **KNIFE ARREST** — Police arrested a woman at Conlon Avenue and Key Boulevard during a traffic stop on suspicion of possessing two illegal knives.

■ **UNDER INFLUENCE** — Police arrested two men on suspicion of driving

■ **TOYOTA VAN STOLEN** — During the night someone stole a blue 1988 Toyota van with landscaping equipment from the 600 block of San Carlos Street. It was located two days later in Richmond.

■ **SUSPICIOUS BACKPACK** — A resident on the 1200 block of Dartmouth Street reported that someone had left a backpack, with computer equipment inside, on the corner of Dartmouth Street and Cornell Avenue. Police confiscated the property.

■ **HONDA STOLEN** — Shortly before 11 a.m. someone stole a blue 1993 Honda Civic that was parked on the 1000 block of Key Route Boulevard.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — A red 1995 Acura Integra was broken into while parked on the 1100 block of Evelyn Avenue during the night.

■ **FORD RECOVERED** — Officers located a brown 1994 Ford wagon on the 900 block of Talbot Avenue that had been stolen from Richmond.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — A resident on the 1200 block of Dartmouth Street reported that someone had broken into her white Acura Integra during the night.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Someone broke into a 1992 Dodge that was parked on the 800 block of Cleveland Avenue and stole a purse from inside.

Saturday, August 6

■ **PETTY THEFT** — Security at the Target Store on the 1000 block of Eastshore reported having an employee in custody for shoplifting. They arrested the 22-year-old Richmond man for petty theft.

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Celebrate anniversary of V-J Day with a hero

NEXT MONDAY is the 60th anniversary of V-J Day, the end of World War II. It's our last chance to thank the men and women who saved the world, because 10 years from now, when we celebrate the 70th, most won't be here anymore.

All wars are touted as a contest between good and evil, but very few actually are. World War II was one.

Hitler was pure, unmitigated evil. And he was defeated by ordinary people who found themselves acting more nobly than they ever imagined they could.

It's the epic story of a generation of heroes. But that's not the way it's being taught to our children. Instead, they're studying broad historical trends. Here's what the State of California History-Social Science Standards expects 11th graders to learn:

1. Examine the origins of American involvement in the war.
2. Explain U.S. and Allied wartime strategy.
3. Discuss the constitutional issues and impacts on the U.S. home front.
4. Identify the unique contributions of the Tuskegee Army, 442nd Central Postal Directory, and Navajo Code Talkers.
5. Analyze Roosevelt's foreign policy.
6. Describe the war's impact on U.S. industry.
7. Discuss the decision to drop the atomic bomb and its consequences.

All very important stuff, I'm sure, but it's awfully prosaic. Where's the poetry? Where's the ringing Churchillian rhetoric? ("We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills, we shall never surrender!")

Or, as the equally eloquent but more laconic Gen. Anthony McAuliffe, commander of the besieged U.S. 82nd Airborne at Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge, replied to the German commander who was pressing him to surrender: "Nuts."

Where is the gallantry of Adm. Marc Mitscher, who turned on all the lights in the fleet at night during the Battle of the Philippines, risking ex-



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

posing the fleet to enemy submarines, so his struggling aviators could find their way back in the dark? Or the black humor of the Marines on Guam, who distributed fake movie handbills that read, "Tonight! Don't miss the thrilling spectacle of the banzai charge, starting at 10 p.m. and lasting all night! Thrills! Chills! Suspense! See everybody shoot everybody! Sponsored by the Athletic and Morale Office. Admission free."

Or the Rosie the Riveters, who always made sure that every rivet on every ship was perfect because, as one explained to me, "This could be the ship that brings my Johnny home to me?" Where are Kilroy, the Sad Sack, and Willie and Joe? Where are Edward R. Murrow and Robert Capa? Where are the pinups of Betty Grable and Rita Hayworth? Where are the songs of love on the fly and bittersweet partings, like "I'll Be Seeing You," "We'll Meet Again," and "A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square?"

I'm not saying we should romanticize the war. There's no such thing as a "good war" — certainly not one that claimed 50 million to 100 million lives. But I am saying that those who lived through it are heroes. They knew they were the only ones standing between Hitler and world domination. And unlike us, they didn't have the luxury of knowing how it would turn out. They had to live each day with the fear that they might lose, with consequences too horrible to contemplate.

So, like the humble Hobbits in "The Lord of the Rings" (which, not coincidentally, was written shortly after the war), they roused themselves, marched off, and destroyed the Dark Lord of Mordor. Bless 'em all.

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PET OF THE WEEK

BERKELEY — The following animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society.

Dogs: 10-month-old female Aussie mix blue merle; 2-year-old male Chihuahua mix tan; 10-month-old male pit bull/Lab mix tan; 6-month-old male shepherd mix white & brown; 10-month-old female border collie/dachshund mix black and tan; 5-year-old male collie/shepherd mix fawn.

Cats: 2-year-old male DSH black; 1-year-old female DSH gray; 1-year-old male DMH gray and white; 5-year-old female DSH tortoiseshell; 1-year-old female DSH tortoiseshell; 5-year-old female DMH white; 4-year-old female DLH tortoiseshell; 3-year-old female DSH gray tabby; 8-year-old female DSH Tortie; 4-year-old female DSH dilute tortoiseshell; 8-year-old female DLH/Maine Coon tuxedo; 3-year-old DLH/Maine Coon black tabby; kittens of various ages, sizes and colors.

(DLH: Domestic long hair; DMH: domestic medium hair; DSH: domestic short hair).

Adoption fee: dogs \$125; cats \$100; rabbits \$40 — including spaying/neutering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 Ninth



TREY is a 6- to 8-month-old sable and white male Shepherd/Lab mix, and may be available for adoption at the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society. He loves romping around, and is learning the game of fetch. He is working on some basic commands, and would benefit from attending obedience class. For more information about Trey or other animals available for adoption, call or visit the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society.

St., Berkeley. Its hours are 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Information: www.berkeleyhumane.org or call 510-845-7735.

FACES & PLACES

Architects lauded for restoration

Albany architectural firm **Jeri Holan & Associates, AIA**, has been honored by the California Preservation Foundation for its restoration of the Rockridge Masonic Lodge, which was built in 1926 and is an example of a classic Renaissance palazzo. Holan & Associates restored the temple's neglected facade and improved accessibility to satisfy building code requirements.

Each year, the California Preservation Foundation recognizes outstanding preservation projects throughout the state. It gave out 26 awards this year. The winning projects were selected for serving as models for other projects as well as for their historical and statewide significance.

— Craig Lazeretti

El Cerrito's Kevin Alan Sommers, a sophomore majoring in pre-business administration at the University of Oregon, was named to the dean's list for the spring semester.

— Craig Lazeretti

John Backus-Mayes of El Cerrito was named one of 42 students at Williams College, in Williamstown, Mass., named as associate members of Sigma Xi, the international scientific research society. Backus-Mayes is a physics major.

— Chris Treadway

Award-winning pianist and Albany High School student **Ju-**

Neighbors



JERRI HOLAN & ASSOCIATES

restored the facade of the Rockridge Masonic Lodge and improved accessibility to satisfy building code requirements.

Liann Ma will perform a free recital at 4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 28, at the Church on the Corner, 1319 Solano Ave. For more information, call 510-526-6632.

— Alan Lopez

The El Cerrito recreation department will hold its ninth annual dynamo golf scramble fundraiser Aug. 22 at the Mira Vista Golf and Country Club, 7900 Cutting Blvd.

The cost per player is \$135. It includes coffee and pastries, a

dynamo T-shirt and goodie bag, and lunch after the tournament. All levels of play are welcome. The shotgun format is open to any caliber golfer. Everyone hits, and the best ball is played.

The event raises money for scholarships for the city's recreation and child care programs. Last year's tournament raised more than \$10,000. Register by Aug. 19 at the recreation department, 7007 Moers Lane, or call 510-559-7000.

— Alan Lopez

Have an item about a scholarship, an award, an event or other experience that you'd like to share with other Journal readers? If you have a photo, print or digital, we can use those, too (sorry, we cannot return print photos). Send it to the editor, by e-mailing: journal@cctimes.com, or mailing to: Neighbors, The Journal, 4301 Lakeside Dr., Richmond, CA 94806.

Hot summer days can be a threat to your pets

IN CASE YOU hadn't noticed, we are now experiencing the hot and uncomfortable dog days of summer, so called because Sirius, the Dog Star in the constellation Canis Major, rises and sets with the sun in July and August.

And the dog days, or any other extremely hot weather, can present a real threat to our faithful pet companions. To understand why, you only need imagine what you would feel like if you were walking and running around in this weather wearing a full-length fur coat.

Dogs and cats sweat only through their paw pads. They don't have sweat glands in their skin or under their arms as humans do. So dogs cool themselves off mainly by panting. For an active dog on a hot day, this may not be enough to prevent heatstroke. And heatstroke is an extremely serious condition, both for dogs and people.

So when you take your dog out for a hike, you should be aware of the dog's needs and watchful of its condition. This is especially true for short-nosed breeds like bulldogs, dark-coated breeds like Rottweilers, and heavy-coated breeds like Bernese Mountain dogs.

Denise Blackman, co-chair of the East Bay Regional Park District's Companion Dog Pa-



NED MACKAY
Park It

rol, provides these tips for a pleasant hot-weather experience with your pet:

■ Avoid the heat of the day by hiking with your dog in the early morning or evening. Don't take long daytime runs or bike rides with your dog running alongside.

■ Bring along lots of extra water for your dog, and a container from which it can drink. A large, heavy-duty plastic food bag works well.

■ Allow your dog to rest regularly in cool and shady areas, and offer small amounts of water when the dog shows signs of overheating. Signs include rapid breathing, heavy panting, running from shade to shade, muscle tremors and staggering.

■ Putting a wet cloth on a dog's belly can help cool it off. Water poured on the dog's head will just run off without getting to the skin.

■ Serious overheating is an emergency, and the dog should be examined by a veterinarian.

■ Keep your dog on leash unless he or she follows your commands well enough to re-

turn to you the first time you call. Good trail manners include making sure your dog does not approach any other person or animal without an invitation.

SCENE ON THE STRAIT: Plein-air painting enthusiasts take note — Martinez Regional Shoreline in Martinez will host the 10th annual Scene on the Strait Art Festival from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, sponsored by the Carquinez Regional Environmental Education Center, with proceeds benefiting habitat and restoration efforts along the Carquinez Strait.

Hundreds of paintings from 25 Bay Area artists will be for sale. Other attractions include a food concession, a contemporary jazz performance, a Monarch butterfly display and a native plant sale. Admission is free. For more information, phone 510-787-9772.

TRAILS CHALLENGE: If you are working on your 2005 Trails Challenge hikes, or even if you're not, East Bay Regional Park District naturalists are helping out by leading two of the challenge hikes this month — one Sunday and one on Aug. 21.

Sunday, naturalist Bethany Facendini will lead one of the more strenuous Trail Challenge hikes from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It's an eight-mile trek through Anthony Chabot Regional Park north of Castro Valley.

Along the way the group will look for animal tracks and other evidence of nature in action. Participants should bring water, lunch and comfortable hiking shoes. Because of the distance and level of exertion, the hike is for ages 10 and up. Meet at the Bort Meadows staging area on Redwood Road, five miles south of Skyline Boulevard in Oakland.

The hike is free of charge, but registration is required. To register or obtain more information, phone 510-521-6887.

The Trails Challenge hike on Aug. 21 will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Point Pinole Regional Shoreline on Giant Highway in Richmond. Naturalist Dave Zuckermann will lead the group on a flat, easy walk to explore the park's natural and cultural history. Point Pinole was once the locale for dynamite manufacturing.

Again, bring lunch and water, and wear sturdy hiking shoes. The hike is free of charge and reservations are not necessary. Point Pinole charges a parking fee of \$5 per vehicle. For more information, phone 510-525-2233.

Ned MacKay writes this column about East Bay Regional Park District sites and activities. E-mail him at nedmackay@comcast.net.

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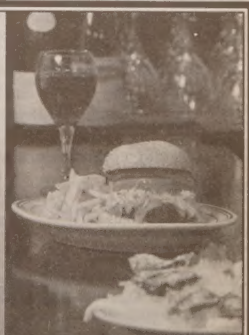


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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1787

EDITORIAL

End security quarrel

IN EFFORTS TO PREVENT terrorist attacks or respond to them, it is essential that public officials cooperate to the fullest. Law enforcement, emergency services, health care and transit personnel need to be kept up to date on each others' plans to deal with terrorism.

Unfortunately, a rift between BART police and Alameda County Sheriff Charles Plummer has erupted. It must be settled if the 150,000-plus people who ride BART every weekday are to be reassured that everything possible is being done to protect their safety.

Plummer is particularly upset that BART has not shared emergency protocols and has not sent its top police official, Gary Gee, to regional strategy meetings. The sheriff is a point. BART should cooperate fully with Plummer, who is responsible for mutual aid plans for 16 counties from Monterey to the Oregon border.

However, Plummer did not ask BART for its plans until recently, as a response to the subway bombings in London. BART needs to meet Plummer's request as quickly as possible and keep closely in touch with the Alameda County Sheriff in the future.

It is also critical that either Gee or another high-ranking representative attend regional strategy meetings.

BART serves four counties with many sheriffs' and police departments, not to mention medical emergency organizations and other transit operations. Coordinating efforts to prevent or respond to terrorism requires constant communication among all involved. Even if each organization has good plan to deal with terrorism and other emergencies, it is not enough. A terrorist attack, earthquake or other disaster affect many agencies; they need to work together.

Gee said BART has an excellent emergency response plan and that it has always participated in regional drills. However, that is not enough if there is mistrust between BART and the person responsible for coordinating a regional response to emergencies.

Instead of exchanging sharp words at a distance, Plummer and Gee must work out a better means of communicating and cooperating. Certainly, they have the same goals and need to do a better job of working together in a manner that best serves the public.

Keep Iceland open

THE NEWS LAST WEEK that venerable Berkeley ice skating rink Iceland may be forced to close because of a dangerous substance in its ice-making machine caught the attention of generations of skating enthusiasts throughout the East Bay. Many ice skating rinks have come and gone over the years, but Iceland has become something of an institution, with an influence stretching well beyond Berkeley's city limits. For decades, children from throughout the East Bay have flocked to Iceland to learn how to skate and play hockey, as well as simply have a good time. As the number of rinks has dwindled over the years, Iceland's significance — and charm — has only grown.

The city of Berkeley has ordered Iceland to remove any dangerous ammonia from its refrigeration unit by Aug. 22. The city has an obligation to put safety first and to make certain that all businesses operate in a responsible fashion. But we also hope the city appreciates the valuable role Iceland has long played in the community, and makes every effort to help the rink comply with its demands in a reasonable way.

Iceland's management has raised objections to the city's assertions regarding the safety threat of the ammonia, as well as the deadline for complying with the order. We hope the city looks at these concerns closely before making any decisions regarding the future of the rink. For 65 years, Iceland has provided treasured memories for its patrons, and we want to see that tradition continue.

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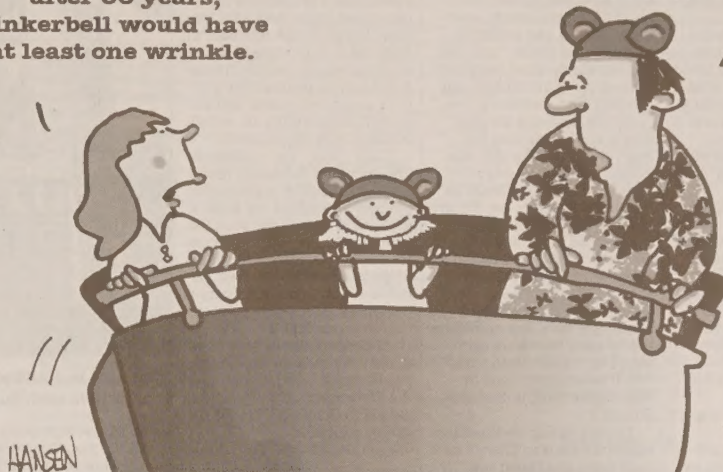
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at least one wrinkle.



...and Mickey's voice
would have deepened
and he would have
developed facial hair.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Plan is meant to restore credibility

The "Policy and Procedures for Placing Items on the Albany City Council Agenda," which I have proposed, is intended to improve the quality of agenda items.

It is not intended to limit council members' ability to raise items for discussion or a vote, as inappropriately stated and misinterpreted by Alan Lopez in his articles of Aug. 5 in the Journal and Aug. 8 in the Times. He should have confirmed the intent of the policy with me or with Beth Pollard, Albany city administrator, before publishing inaccurate information in our community.

The disrespect and bullying Councilman Robert Lieber has demonstrated in his first six months on the council, by placing flawed and poorly prepared items on the agenda at the last minute, does not serve our representative democracy well. Decisions made in the democratic process work best when representatives of the people are provided with unbiased, honest, relevant and complete information in a timely manner. My proposed policy is intended to do that.

The Lieber/Parker "Albany Waterfront Poll" is an example of a presentation of information to the council that does not serve the democratic process well, as clearly stated in the Journal editorial of July 1.

The press plays a vital role in our democracy and a helpful one when it presents the truth so that sound decisions can be made by citizens and their representatives. Truth takes some thoughtful work. One must listen carefully and be able to make sound judgments.

Steve Pinto's letters to the Journal and Times during this same time frame are also inappropriate and inaccurate. I have not proposed to Albany city staff members that a second council member must approve an item before it can be placed on the agenda. This was alleged in an e-mail sent by Lieber to himself and distributed to residents of Albany on July 17. Pinto should not be speaking for me at all, especially without confirming his statements with me and our city administrator.

Albany staff members offered several options to place effective items on an agenda. Approval by a second council member was one of many options offered, which are in common practice in our state and federal legislatures and other democratic governing bodies.

I only wish to adopt a policy which restores credibility to the agenda of the Albany City Council.

Vice Mayor Allan Maris
Albany

Too expensive

NASA shouldn't go to the moon or Mars. At more than \$1 billion a launch, the space shuttle, once touted as an economical way to go into space, has become the most expensive means of transportation ever devised by man.

The engineering competence of the 1970s has been replaced with a new level of incompetence. We can't do now what we did then.

The science of the manned space program doesn't cut it, and we can take little pride in launching high school science projects in space.

Meanwhile, the unmanned space program is being gutted while its crown

jewel, the Hubble Space Telescope, is resigned to an ignoble fate.

The American people have lost their nerve. They're tired of blowing up school teachers and demand a space program flying under OSHA rules.

Without good engineering, good science and a true spirit of adventure, why bother? Let's leave manned space exploration to the private sector, where the true spirit of adventure still thrives.

Richard Firestone
El Cerrito

A dilemma

Some have complained that Muslims don't condemn terrorism. Yet, when a recent fatwa and condemnation was proclaimed, some are dissatisfied.

It appears the old saying, "You're damned if you do and you're damned if you don't," is at work.

For years, we heard complaints that Muslims didn't condemn terrorism, despite the repeated condemnations of all major national organizations. Others complained that there should be a fatwa against terrorism.

Well, finally we have a fatwa, and now new complaints kick in. It seems that no matter what Muslims do, they are always in the wrong.

It is apparent that for some people, to quote part of a proverb that used to apply to another villainized group, "There's no good Muslim."

Kamal Siddiqui
El Cerrito

We, too, are suffering

A recent national headline read, "All quiet on the homefront, and some soldiers are asking why." It was another deceptive article — all is not quiet on the homefront.

The article said: "The Bush administration's rallying call that America is a nation at war is increasingly ringing hollow to men and women in uniform, who argue in frustration that America is not a nation at war, but a nation with only its military at war."

Contrary to the article, we in the United States are suffering as a result of the war, as more necessities are being cut to fund the Iraq fiasco.

We do not have adequate health care, housing, parks, and financial support for public schools, public sports and various other entertainment. We have increasingly less material evidence that we work in order to give us all pleasant lives.

Also, our civil liberties are being with-

drawn with logarithmically increasing frequency. Every element that has given people here in the United States any comfort is being attacked and cut.

I walk for exercise in an area not originally intended for walking; I let my dog come, too. It's delightful in many ways. I keep looking over my shoulder for the bulldozers which will scrape the area bare, prohibit my access, and either leave it barren for years or build a for-profit or a fee entry facility on it.

Our possibility, as well as the actuality, of having any security, any service, any pleasure is being eliminated at every turn.

And, of course, deceived people are enlisting in the military to obtain the benefits the lying recruitment process is telling them they can have — which they never get, or that are taxed away from them.

Norma J. F. Harrison
Berkeley

Californians fed up

Hey Schwarzenegger, listen up: We may not have your bottomless bags of money, but Democratic grassroots activists have been getting the job done since long before you ever came to California.

Schwarzenegger can hold phony town hall meetings and play up to the cameras all he wants. Meanwhile, the people of California — not just Democrats, but anyone concerned with the mess he has made in California — are out getting voters registered and educating them on just what his real agenda is.

Schwarzenegger broke his campaign promises, especially on education, and now he calls this expensive and unnecessary special election that will cut into services we desperately need.

He just doesn't get it, because none of this will affect him, his family or his extravagant standard of living. But average working-class citizens, who are tired of the Republican Party pushing their extreme right-wing agenda on our state and our country, do get it.

Schwarzenegger claims to be "the people's governor," but he won't listen to the people. On Nov. 8 he will hear what we have to say.

Bernadette Green
El Sobrante

Arrogance and lies

I would like to refer you to a post from Elizabeth Warren at Huffington.com (Ariana Huffington's site). "No bad deed goes unrewarded in this administration."

The appointment of Ameriquest's owner and CEO Roland Arnall to the post of ambassador to the Netherlands is just another Bush appointment of a crook. Ameriquest has recently set aside \$325 million in anticipation of a flood of lawsuits from defrauded customers. However, billionaire Arnall has contributed at least \$600,000 to Bush causes.

The list of Bush's bad "friends" is endless: Dick Cheney, the Halliburton hierarchy, Ken Lay, Karl Rove, Tom DeLay, etc. And the John Bolton recess appointment is wrong. Same old Republican MO and arrogance — deny and lie!

I know it's being portrayed as only Democrats who are against this appointment, but there are Republicans who are justly against this, too. Where are they now?

We all have to stand up and tell BushCo this is wrong.

Christina Slamon
Richmond

WRITE TO THE JOURNAL

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Taking the writer's history into account

Quote of the week
"Canaries embroidered the night.
Three babies arrived laughing.
In my mother's house, a safe
hounds 100 gold rings."
— "In the Tunnel of Falling
Birds," by Elizabeth Rosner



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

SOMETIMES a question comes up that is so appealing it makes me want to engage in long conversations with everyone I know as I try to figure out how I feel about it. This happened at a recent poetry reading at our library, when the featured poet — Elizabeth Rosner — asked whether we wanted to know the history of a poem. Is it relevant? she asked us. Is it important to know?

Although there was some brief discussion, it wasn't really possible to explore this issue at the reading. But I have been thinking about it ever since. And the fact this question fits in so well with a similar topic in one of my classes makes this even more appealing to me.

The class discussion was not

about the background of a work but the background of an author. Should it be relevant to our appreciation of a piece of writing? Should we take it into account? My first exposure to that question was in a conversation about Robert Frost. I grew up listening to Frost poetry; in fact, the first word I ever read was "toters," from Frost's "The Pasture."

And there was a kind of reverence for this man in our house — for the far reach of his work and the wisdom of his words. But there are numerous accounts about Frost's personal life that could easily taint his work. Should they? Should we allow our opinion of someone's private life and perhaps abhorrent behavior to color our view of the work? Is it relevant?

I would emphatically say no, even though I know there are times I am affected by some anecdote about a public figure and it changes my opinion of them. I can see why it would be difficult to separate an artist's actions from his or her work, but I still don't believe it's appropriate.

The same holds true for the story behind a work of art — a poem, for instance. As one of my daughters commented, if you need to know the reasons the poem was written, then the writer isn't doing her job. My daughter's recommendation was to read the poem, hear the background, and then read the poem again. That makes sense to me — as long as the second reading doesn't eradicate the feelings from the first one.

And perhaps the background and the second reading would give us insight not only into the author's intent but also even a glimpse into the way another reader may experience the work. We may end up with multiple meanings, and I think this would be a good thing. A good piece of writing holds

many possibilities — that is what gives it depth and longevity.

Even having some knowledge of a writer's background can affect how we interpret her work. Rosner's poetry is a good example. Since I know her parents are Holocaust survivors, when she uses the word "gold" in a poem, I immediately remember those too-vivid war images — in particular, gold fillings, gold watches and gold wedding bands. I imagine them in piles, next to abandoned suitcases and strewn clothing. Because of this, it is difficult for me to disregard the impact of Rosner's past — it has colored that word for me.

I think we are all like that. When we read the poet's words, we see not only the dictionary definition, but also the emotions from our own lives. That is the pleasure of a good poem — it speaks to all of us.

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@ac-library.org or at the Albany Library, 510-526-3720 ext. 17.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

The Puppet Company will present "Mae Lin & the Magic Brush" on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Albany Library. Based loosely on an old Chinese tale, this is the story of a young girl named Mae Lin who is given a magic brush that can make anything she paints come to life. The show features a traditional dragon dance, authentic Chinese provincial music, and lots of surprises.

Randal Metz and The Puppet Company have been creating "Fantasies in Miniature" for more than 30 years. He was trained by such puppeteers as Lewis Mahlmann of Children's Fairyland, Bob Baker of Disneyland and even the Muppets.

This is the final event in a series of free summer Tuesday evenings at the Albany Library. No registration is required, and all ages are welcome. The Albany Library is located at 1247 Marin Ave., and is a branch of the Alameda County Library. Questions? Call Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720, ext. 17.

— Craig Lazeretti

The Albany Library presents featured poet Julia Vinograd on Sept. 1 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Vinograd is a Berkeley street poet. She has published 50 books of poetry, and won the American Book Award of The Before Columbus Foundation. She has three poetry CD collections: Bubbles and Bones, Eye of the Hand, and The Book of Jerusalem. For a photo and sample poem, see juliavinograd.com.

— Craig Lazeretti

The library will also present a drop-in poetry writing workshop led by Alison Sevak on Sept. 14 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sevak is an Albany poet and teacher who has taught writing to children and adults at schools and community arts centers throughout the Bay Area.

Both events are in the Edith Stone Room and are free, ongoing and open to all ages. Cookies will be served. Questions? Call Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720, ext. 17.

— Craig Lazeretti

A puppet show celebrating the conclusion of the summer reading program at the Kensington Library will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 23 at the library, 61 Arlington Ave.

P&T Puppet Theatre will perform. A drawing for a large stuffed dragon puppet will be held after the show. For more information, call 510-524-3043.

— Alan Lopez

A session on strategy tips for the SAT College Entrance Exam by Princeton Review will be held Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library. Registration is required and begins Aug. 22. The session is free and open to all ages.

For more information, call the Kensington Library at 510-524-3043.

— Craig Lazeretti

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EL CERRITO SCHOOL NOTES

El Cerrito High School

ORIENTATION: Orientation will be Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Walk-through registration will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday for seniors; 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Tuesday for sophomores; and 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday for freshmen.

BOOTHS: EC's leadership class is encouraging campus clubs and organizations to have information booths for the freshmen orientation on Wednesday. Club representatives would be required to show up one to two hours before the orientation, and will have to set up their own tables. For information contact Brian Mertens, bmer07@hotmail.com.

MARCHING BAND CAMP: The Gaudy Marching Band will hold its pre-season camp for all classes next Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All returning members and incoming freshmen will be refreshed on marching. The band will hand out music and check out instruments Tuesday or Wednesday. Participants will need athletic shoes, comfortable

clothing, sunscreen, and \$10 for food or a bagged lunch.

KRISPY KREME CARDS: The junior class is selling Krispy Kreme Cards for \$10. The cards are buy one dozen, get another free, and are good for the next year. You get up to 10 dozen free! For more information, contact Josephine at missnigeria5389@aol.com.

JUNIOR CAR WASH: The junior class will hold a car wash on Aug. 20 at the AC Delco lot, 6801 Fairmount Ave. at the corner of Fairmount and Richmond. Contact Josephine at missnigeria5389@aol.com for information.

Portola Middle School

ORIENTATION: The schedule for orientation is as follows: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday for grades 6 and 7; 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday for grade 8; 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday for make-ups. Walk-through registration will be 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. today.

Harding Elementary

ORIENTATION: Kindergarten orientation is Aug. 22 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

This is an opportunity for parents and students to meet their new teacher, see where to line up before school, and view the new classrooms. Classroom assignments will be posted outside the front entrance at 7230 Fairmount Ave. on Aug. 22. Kindergarten classrooms are located on the Ashbury Street entrance (at Fairmount).

SCHOOL OPENINGS: The new earthquake-safe school building will have greater capacity than the current campus. A limited number of spaces are still available for the 2005-2006 school year, particularly in grades 1 and 5. If Harding is your resident school, come to the school office on Wednesday to register in person. To inquire about transfers, contact the district office at 510-232-6325. School begins Aug. 23. For more information, visit harding-pla.org/.

CORONADO FIRE: A donation account has been set up at The Mechanics Bank to help repair the damage at Coronado Elementary School from a fire on Aug. 1. Two kindergarten classrooms and a speech therapy room were destroyed. Checks may be made payable to: WCCUSD/Coron-

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Currently our 290 students come from eleven cities and represent 45% students and families of varying ethnic communities and 55% from European descent families. The application process continues through mid-January when you are able to learn about the school through Open Houses, tours and receptions. For more information, please visit our website at www.rdschool.org or call Jasmine Leonilla Gonzalez at 510.534.0804 ext. 224.

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Aurora School is a leader among Bay Area elementary schools, recognized for its excellence in curriculum, teaching strategy and community involvement. Aurora students are lifelong learners with the strength and skills to succeed in a future full of change and challenge.

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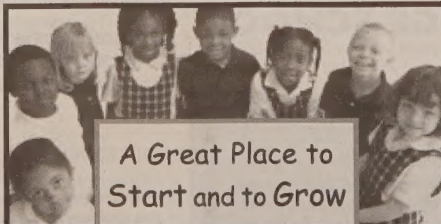
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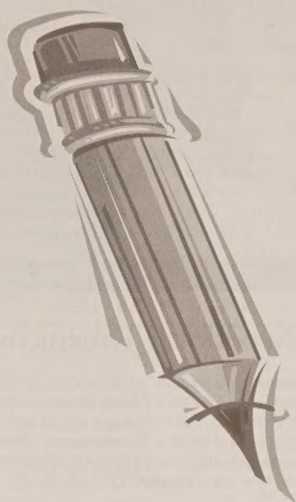
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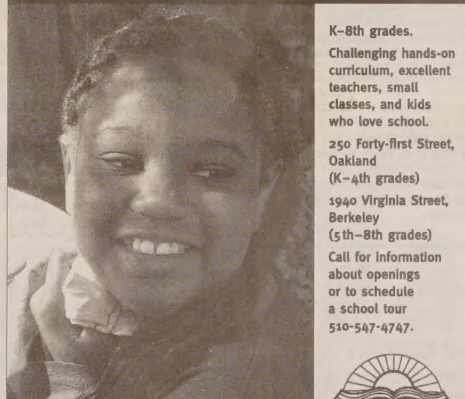
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Coming Up

Children

■ **Albany Library** presents: Wildlife Biology Research Camp for grades 9-12 is through Aug. 13 at University of CA Sageshen Creek Field Station. — Marine Biology Research Camp for grades 9-12 is Aug. 17-22 at University of CA Bodega Marine Lab. Details: Julie 510-526-3720 x17.

■ **FamFils** presents play "Unseen, Today's Story of Job" 8 p.m. Aug. 13, 3 p.m. & 7 p.m. Aug. 14 at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Derryl Tanner's original stage play, inspired by Biblical Book of Job, is appropriate for the whole family. Tickets: \$23-\$25; call 925-798-1300. Details: www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **Julia Morgan Theatre's Family Film Sunday Series** presents "Charlotte's Web" at 11 a.m. Aug. 14 at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Animated 1972 musical feature brings E.B. White's beloved children's novel to life. Tickets: \$5 at door. Details: www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **Shakespeare Camp** for youth ages 7-18 are weekdays 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at John Hinkel Park, 41 Somerset Ave., Berkeley. Aftercare available until 5:30 p.m. Schedule: teen camps through Aug. 19. Cost: \$395, \$520 with aftercare. To enroll: call 800-978-PLAY, or download forms at www.shakespeare.org and fax to 415-865-4433.

■ **Stage Door Conservatory** presents kids' musical theatre production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 19 and 5 p.m. Aug. 20, 21 at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. This spirited family musical by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber retells biblical story of Joseph and comes alive when performed by young actors. Tickets: \$7.50-\$20; call 925-798-1300. Details: www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **Black Repertory Group Youth Department's Summer Day Camp** is through August for this summer's production of "The Wiz" at 3:00 p.m. at Berkeley. Details: 510-652-2120 or www.black-repertorygroup.com.

Community

■ **Ecology Center's Berkeley Farmer's Markets** are at three locations and times: Tuesday's Market is 2-7 p.m. on Derby Street at Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. — North Shattuck farmers market is 3-7 p.m. Thursdays at Shattuck Avenue at Rose Street. It features all organically grown produce. — Saturday's market is 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Civic Center Park, Center Street & Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. All markets open year 'round, rain or shine. Details: 510-548-3333 or go to www.ecologycenter.org. Coming up: Tomato tasting 10 a.m.-3 p.m., theater piece on organic agriculture 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; chef cooking demonstration 11:30 a.m. Aug. 13. — Downtown Berkeley Jazz Festival '05 concert by Jessica Neighbor and the Hoods 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Aug. 20.

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Reunion is approaching: Pub Crawl Aug. 12; Dance Party Aug. 13; Picnic Aug. 14. Graduates, staff, teachers and friends of the class of 1985 are invited. Details: www.berkeleyhigh1985.com.

■ **Great War Society** holds its monthly meeting 10:30 a.m. Aug. 13 at 640 Arlington Ave., Berkeley. Topic: "American Field Service - The Men & Material" by Robert Denison. Details: 510-527-7118.

■ **Hopalong Animal Rescue** hosts the following pet adoption events: Dogs 12-3 p.m. Aug. 13, 27 at PetSmart, 1001 Eastshore Hwy, Albany; Cats 12-3 p.m. Aug. 13, 20, 27 at Your Basic Bird, 2940 College Ave., Berkeley. Details: 510-267-1915 or www.hopalong.org.

■ **Red Oak Victory ship** holds its monthly Pancake Breakfast 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Aug. 14 at Berth 6a, 1337 Canal Blvd., Richmond harbor. Cost: \$6; free for children under five. Details: 510-237-2933.

■ **Tibetan Nyingma Institute**, 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley, presents: Free Chant and Meditation 5-5:45 p.m. Sundays. — Lama Ardo on "The Great Guru Padmasambhava" 6 p.m. Aug. 14 at 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley. Free. Coming up: Hugh Jowick and Santosh Philip on "Meditation and Philosophy" 6 p.m. Aug. 21. Charaka Jurgens on "Staying Young through Kum Nye" 6 p.m. Aug. 28. Details: 510-843-6812 or www.nyingmainstitute.com.

■ **North Berkeley Senior Center**, 1901

Hearst Ave., presents the following free events: Aug. 15: Parkinson's Support Group hosts speaker Richard Chan for a discussion about quality of life issues for people with Parkinson's disease at 10 a.m. — Aug. 16, 30: Cecilia Wann gives paper sculpture workshops at 1:30 p.m. — Aug. 23: Ice Cream Social features Diana Perry, ragtime and boogie music at 1:15 p.m. Details: 510-981-5190.

■ **Berkeley Chamber of Commerce** presents their Sunset Mixer 5:30-7 p.m. Aug. 18 at Jupiter Restaurant, 2181 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Hors d'oeuvres, brew pub. Admission: \$20. Details: 510-549-7000 or www.berkeleychamber.com.

■ **American Golf Program for Senior Centers**, Albany Senior Center presents their free "Senior Business Fair" 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Aug. 18 at Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic Ave., Albany. Seniors receive information regarding health care, banking, travel, pharmacy and more. Cooking demonstrations, senior discounts. Continental breakfast, giveaways, drawings. Details/Rsvp: 510-528-1576.

■ **Shepherd of the Hills Church** is hosting a Block Party and Open House 1-4 p.m. Aug. 21 at Shepherd of the Hills Playground and Fellowship Hall, 401 Grizzly Peak Blvd., North Berkeley. Food, drinks and fun for all ages. Meet neighborhood folks, church members and their families. All are welcome. Details: 510-524-8281.

a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sept. 17 at Berkeley Rep's Roda Theatre, 2015 Addison St. Following is optional 2 p.m. matinee of "Our Town." Cost: \$25 adults, \$15 kids, \$35 for discounted matinee tickets; subscribers can save \$5 on BBQ; children under six eat free. A family BBQ package (2 adults + 2 kids) is \$70. Tickets, details: 510-647-2949.

■ **BMW Ultimate Drive** for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation is 10 a.m.-6 p.m. through October at Weatherford BMW, 750 Potter St., Berkeley. Test drive a fleet vehicle and BMW will donate \$1 for every mile driven to Foundation. Details: 877-4-A-DRIVE.

Exhibits

■ **ACCI Gallery**, 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, presents: 2005 New Member Show through Aug. 12, with newest artists and their exciting work. — 2005 annual August Second Sale 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 18-21. Artisan gifts at great discounts. Details: 510-843-2527 or www.accigallery.com.

■ **Giorgi Gallery** presents exhibition "Luminance" Aug. 12-Sept. 4 at 2911 Claremont Ave., Berkeley. Opening receptions are from 1-4 p.m. Aug. 13 & 6-9 p.m. Aug. 18. Show features work of Priscilla Birge, Joanna Katz, Mimi Koch, Audrey Wallace-Taylor, Katherine McKay, Dorothy Nissen, Diane Rusnak, Margo Rivera-Weiss, Sarah Whitecotton, and Lee Williams. Details: 510-532-9676.

■ **UC Berkeley Art Museum/Pacific Film Archive**, 2625 Durant Ave. #2250, Berkeley, presents: Eureka Fellowship 2002-2004 through Aug. 14; "Animal Attraction" screening 7:30 p.m. Aug. 16; "The Whip Hand" screening 7:30 p.m. Aug. 17; "13 Frightened Girls" screening 7:30 p.m. Aug. 24; "Ten Skies" screening 7:30 p.m. Aug. 30; Matrix 217: Haim Steinbach through Sept. 4; "Time in Yosemite" through Dec. 5. Details: www.bampfa.berkeley.edu or 510-642-0808.

■ **Sharing Watershed: Honoring Birds Project** with Regional Parks Foundation present an opening reception from 2-4 p.m. Aug. 14 at Tilden Nature Center, Tilden Park, Berkeley, celebrating the following: "Birds You Can Read Eleven" exhibition with artists Patricia Bullitt, Deborah Green and Annie Hallatt. Exhibition shows run through Oct. 4. — "Migrating Woman with Bird" 3 p.m. performance with Patricia Bullitt, dancer with Merlin Coleman, cellist. Free. Details: 510-525-2233.

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La MaMa Experimental Theatre Studio presents "Case of the Missing" through Aug. 29-Feb. 5 at Secor Gallery, 1315 Clay St., Berkeley. Hours: 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays; 12-5 p.m. weekends. Details: 510-848-8893 or www.lamama.org.

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Rostand's classic story "Cyrano de Bergerac" 4 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays through Sept. 11 at John Hinkel Park, 41 Somerset Ave., Berkeley. Free; donations accepted. Details: www.shotgunplayers.org or 510-841-8500.

The Ames Gallery presents "Jon Serf: Recent Acquisitions" exhibit through Sept. 17 at 2661 Cedar St., Berkeley. Hours: 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. weekdays; evenings/weekends by appointment. Details: 510-845-4949 or www.amesgallery.com.

BadA Museum presents "Wholly Grace," a solo exhibit of the work of Susan Duhan Felix through Sept. 29 at Pacific School of Religion, 1798 Scenic Ave., Berkeley. Hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. or by appointment; 510-848-0528.

Film/dance/stage

Ashkenaz Music & Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, presents: Cosmo, Razorblade 9:30 p.m. Aug. 12. \$11-\$13. — Cajun dance lesson 8 p.m.; Swamp Coolers 9 p.m. Aug. 13. \$11-\$13. — Bellydance lesson 6:30 p.m.; Cafe Belle 7:30 p.m. Aug. 14. \$10. — Cajun dance lesson 8 p.m.; Countable 8:30 p.m. Aug. 16. \$9. — Swing dance lesson with Belinda Rickles 8 p.m.; Swingthing 9 p.m. Aug. 17. \$9. — Go Jimmy Go, Uptones, Deal's Gone Bad 8:30 p.m. Aug. 18. \$8. Details: www.ashkenaz.com or 510-525-5054.

La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, presents: Bobby Matos 8 p.m. Aug. 12. \$12-\$15. — Venezuelan Music Project 8 p.m. Aug. 13. \$12-\$14. — Cafe Poetry, Open Mic with Paradise 7:30 p.m. Aug. 17. — Donation. Palenque: Son, Lo Mas Sublime de la Musica 9 p.m. Aug. 19. \$12. — Geoff "Double G" Gallegos 1 p.m. Aug. 20. Free. — Tao Ruspoli's documentary "Flamenco: A Personal Journey" 8 p.m. Aug. 20. \$7. — Viviana Guzman presents "The Music of Passion: from Tango & Beyond" 7:30 p.m. Aug. 21. \$12. — Latino Film Festival presents "The Storytellers" 7:30 p.m. Aug. 25. \$8. — Dr. Loco's Rockin' Jalapeno Band 9 p.m. Aug. 26. \$7-\$10. — Bolokada Conde 8 p.m. Aug. 27. \$15. Details: www.lapena.org or 510-849-2568.

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Contra Costa Civic Theatre presents Cole Porter's musical "Anything Goes" 8 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays through Aug. 13, 2 p.m. Sundays July 10-Aug. 7 at 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. Admission: \$12-\$20. Reservations: 510-524-9132 or www.cct.org.

Actors Ensemble of Berkeley presents Agatha Christie's "A Murder is Announced" 8 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays through Aug. 13 at Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Admission: \$10. Reservations: 510-649-5999 or www.aeforberkeley.org.

Berkeley Repertory Theatre presents Mike Daisey's "The Ugly American" through Aug. 13 at Thrust Stage, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. Showtimes: Wednesdays & Sundays 7 p.m.; Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays 8 p.m. Solo show about one man's misadventures as an exchange student in London. Tickets: 15-\$35. For group discounts, call 510-647-2918. Tickets/details: 510-647-2949, toll free 888-4-BRT-Tix, or www.berkeleyrep.org.

Berkeley Repertory Theatre presents a special workshop of Mike Daisey's "Monopoly!" at 7 p.m. Aug. 14 at Thrust Stage, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. Tickets: \$5. Tickets/details: 510-647-2949, toll free 888-4-BRT-Tix, or www.berkeleyrep.org.

California Shakespeare Theater presents play "The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby, Part One" Aug. 18-Sep. 16 at Bruns Amphitheater, 200 Gateway Blvd., Orinda. Cost: \$35-\$45 advance; a limited number of pay-what-you-can seats available at door on a cash-only basis beginning two hours before show. Details/showtimes: 510-548-9666 or www.CalShakes.org.

Contra Costa Choral is accepting new singers & soloists for its 40th anniversary season Rehearsals are Mondays 7:15-9:45 p.m. at Hillside Community Church, 1422 Navallier St., El Cerrito. Call 510-524-1861 for details, or come to rehearsals starting Aug. 22. Details: www.cccchorale.org.

Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center presents "All Our Voices: Celebrating Diversity through Storytelling" multicultural festival 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 28 at 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. Features storytelling performances, interactive workshops and community story swapping. Hear Jewish, Latino,

Asian, African-American and Native-American stories come to life. Develop skills, techniques to tell your own stories. Fee: \$40-\$45 adults, \$20-\$25 ages 12-19; go to www.stagebridge.org or call 510-444-4755.

Shotgun Players present "Cyrano de Bergerac" 4 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays through Sept. 5 at John Hinkel Park, 41 Somerset Ave., North Berkeley. Free, donations appreciated. Members can reserve one guest ticket per membership. Adventure of unrequited love, passion, and exceptional sword fighting. Details: www.shotgunplayers.org.

Health/Fitness

Affordable Kundalini Yoga is Tuesdays 4:15-5:30 p.m. through Aug. 16 at Studio 12, 2525-8th St., Berkeley. Six weeks cost \$42. Details: 510-841-4339.

Berkeley's Fibromyalgia Support Group holds their third annual "Show and Tell" Rap Session from 12-2 p.m. Aug. 16 at Herrick Campus of Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley. Attendees are asked to bring items, information or hot tips that help them manage their fibromyalgia. Free. Newly or non-diagnosed people also welcome. Details: Deborah 510-644-3273.

Learning

Jazzschool, 2087 Addison St., Berkeley, presents the following classes: Exploring Jazz Guitar with John Stowell 5-7 p.m. Aug. 12. \$65-\$80. — Brazilian Music: Past, Present and Future with Harvey Wainapel 12-2:30 p.m. Aug. 14. \$25. — Personal Financial Planning for Musicians with Adam Messenger 11:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Aug. 14. Free. — Playing the Whole Piano: Contemporary Approaches to the Left Hand with Geoffrey Keeser 11:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Aug. 14. \$30-\$45. — The Tao of Drumming with Brian Melvin 2-4 p.m. Aug. 14. \$25. — Speech Level Singing Technique with Dave Stroud 12-4 p.m. Aug. 14. \$65-\$80. — Lecture and Demonstration with Latin jazz artist John Calloway 8-10 p.m. Aug. 19. Free. — What High School/College Band Directors Need to Know About Latin Jazz with Mark Levine 4-6 p.m. Aug. 20. \$30-\$45. — Hip-Hop Production Techniques with Michael Aaberg 2-4 p.m. Aug. 21. \$20. — An Ergonomic Ap-

proach to the Drumset with Mat Marucci 2-4 p.m. Aug. 21. \$30-\$45. Details: 650-845-5373 or www.jazzschool.com.

RabbitEars Rescue presents the following dog obedience classes/events at 303 Arlington Ave., Kensington: Tilden Birding Walk with Denise Wright 8-11 a.m. Aug. 14. Fee: \$25 includes breakfast.

Come, Spot, Come: Total Recall 6:30-7:30 p.m. Aug. 17. Get exercises and practice strategy for getting a reliable recall. Fee: \$35. — The Global Backyard: Nature, Fire Safety & Green Materials with Robin Freeman, Merritt College Environmental Program Chair is 4:30-6 p.m. Aug. 20. \$20 suggested donation. Reservations: 510-525-6155 or www.rabbitears.org.

Obituaries and In Memoriam



Ralph Stone

Ralph Stone, teacher and student counselor at Albany High School, died at 88. Ralph Olin Stone died Tuesday morning, August 2, at his home in El Cerrito. He was in declining health following a broken hip surgery. Ralph Stone devoted most of his life to teaching and counseling high school students. Two years in Marysville, California were followed by two years in Greece as a Fulbright grantee. In 1954 he joined the faculty at Albany High School, teaching English and Journalism, until his retirement in 1982. From 1961 to 1963 he was again a Fulbright teacher, this time in Turin, Italy. Ralph was an avid backpacker, having covered the John Muir Trail on his honeymoon in 1949. He also loved skiing and fishing. With his three sons and some of their friends he built a cabin retreat on Indian Creek near Taylorsville, California, where he spent many happy summers with family and frequent guests. He loved music (especially opera) and he enjoyed traveling: around the world in 1982, New Zealand and Australia in 1992, and many trips to Europe. Ralph received a BA degree in Journalism and an MA degree in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley. He served in the 387th Bomb Group of the 559th Bomb Squadron of the U.S. Army Air Corp during World War II. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Marga Hedrick Stone; and three sons, Mark (Berkeley), Geoffrey (Beaverton, Oregon) and Christopher (Newberg, Oregon); a sister, Alma Stone (Washington D.C.); as well as by five grandchildren.

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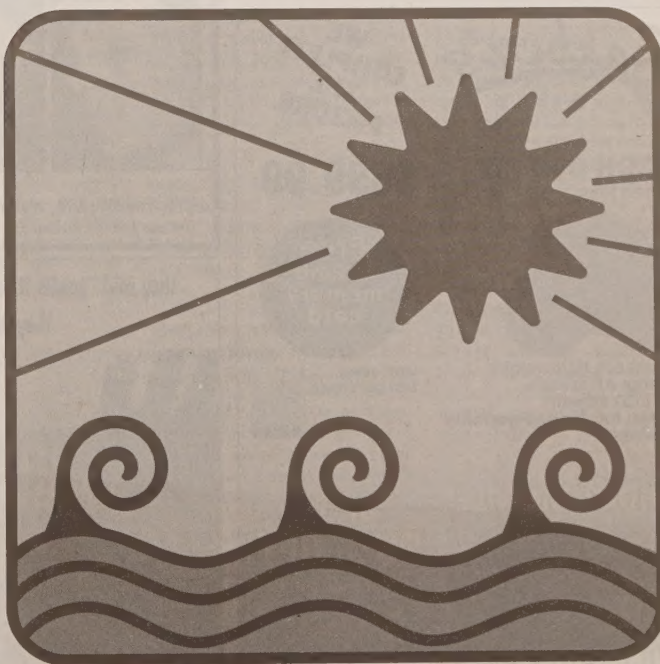
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Residents around both schools are encouraging the school district to cancel the contracts. A flier circulated by residents around El Cerrito High School claims the antennas will adversely affect people's health and lower property values.

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Councilman Farid Javandel said the two sides should work with a mediator the school has hired to bring them closer to agreement.



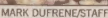
ing the way they are placed on the City Council agenda. Maris proposed that at a prior meeting, a council member would announce his or her wish to place an item on an upcoming agenda and then submit a written report at the next meeting. If a council member did not think the agenda item was properly prepared, a motion could be made to continue it to a future

■ Finally, the council rejected a recommendation of the charter review committee to amend the charter to allow voters to change the city attorney's elected position. The position was appointed by the city administrator.

The council voted 4-1 to back the recommendation of the charter review committee to continue their discussion. Good said, "It's not a good idea to change the place," he said.

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In the meantime, according to a flier posted around the path, residents with comments or suggestions about the trail can call the Public Works Department at 510-215-4382.



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For instance, district staff members recommended paying Bridgeworks an additional \$14,850 for four days of service in June, according to a district document. The money comes on top of a \$20,000 contract for helping the district train teachers how to use new English textbooks. Funding comes from federal grants used for training teachers and principals.

Board member Dave Brown called the practices unacceptable. He said district administrators should run smaller contracts by the board before work is to begin. Larger proposals should be vetted

"We certainly saw an improvement in student writing," Wilson

"Given what we paid him last year, and what we're going to pay him this year, I think he ought to keep the 19th open," Brown said.

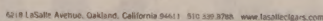
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2798 or e-mail
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The council was considering a measure that would have charged

Meanwhile, a campaign meeting for the district tax will be held at 7 p.m. Monday in Room 8 of Cornell Elementary School, at Solano and Cornell avenues. For more information, call school board member Miriam Walden at 510-526-8577.

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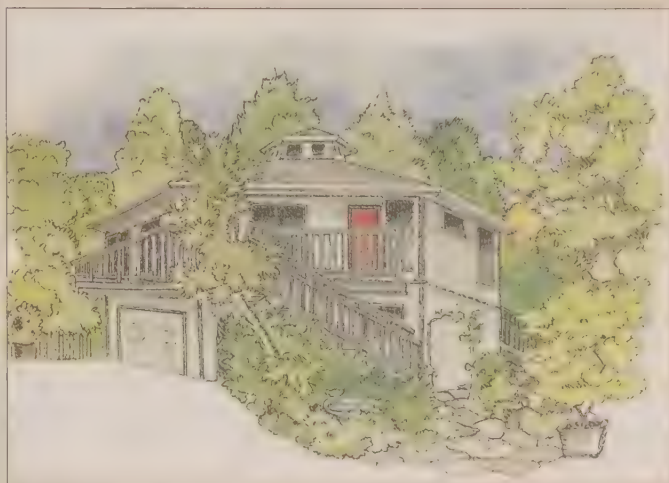
reveals a mix of churches, dormitories, parking lots, homes and a few pleasant surprises.

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Real Estate Spotlight:

Delightful hexagon in El Sobrante hills



THE WONDERFUL HOUSE at 221 Amend Court in the El Sobrante Hills was the dream of the present sellers. Sunset Magazine featured an article in 1976 about this hexagonal design that inspired the sellers to build it. The owners, one an adventurous cook, the other a gardener with a love of trees, created a home for both of them and their children that has a vacation feeling all year round.

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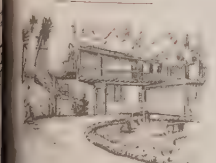


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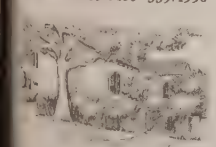
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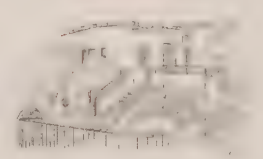
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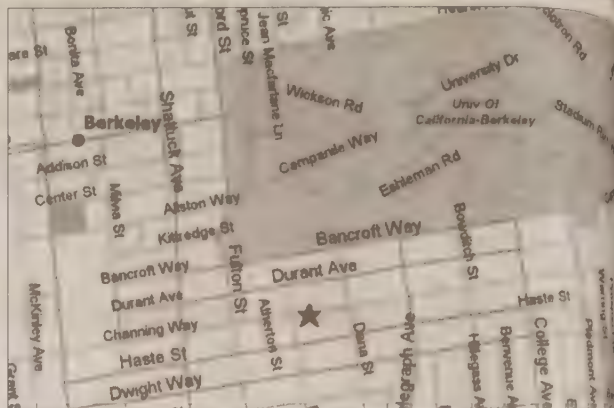
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THEN AND NOW: The 1866 College Homestead map, left, and its modern-day counterpart, MapQuest, above, show the Luttrell's neighborhood. The Mapquest star pinpoints the home.

Home

FROM PAGE B1

Channing Way, which retired master mariner Captain J.F. Luttrell built for himself and his wife in 1889.

The Luttrells hired Berkeley architect Ira A. Boynton to build the home in the College Homestead Association Tract that planners had laid out in 1866 in anticipation of the opening of the town's university seven years later in 1873.

The tract was intended for the mixed-use that one still finds in the area today. It abuts the university on its southern and western borders. Dwight Way, Audubon Street and Inman Street served as three boundaries to the tract.

Dwight Way on the tract's southern border, named for Yale University president Timothy Dwight is the only "border" street to retain its original name.

Inman Street to the west later became Grove Street and then Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Audubon Street to the east, which the planners named for the naturalist James Audubon, later became College Avenue.

The unnamed northern border street on the 1866 map became Hearst Avenue, named for the university's first female regent, Phoebe Appletton Hearst.

The street on which Captain Luttrell and his wife built their home, Channing Way, also retains its original name. The planners named this street for Unitarian minister Dr. William Ellery Channing.

According to Berkeley Architectural Association records, architect Ira A. Boynton hailed from Maine. He came west about 1870 and settled in Berkeley in 1877.

Besides the home at 2328 Channing Way, two other Queen Anne-style Boynton designs still survive in Berkeley: the 1889 Leuders



PHOTOS BY DENNIS EVANOSKY

ARCHITECT IRA A. BOYNTON added two unusual details to his Queen Anne-style design at 2328 Channing Way in Berkeley. He rested a hexagonal turret, above, onto a hexagonal verandah and he set the entire living room as a bay window, right. Boynton Avenue is named for Ira and the Berkeley Historical Society's Quick Index to the Origin of Berkeley's Names says that the Boyntons were part of a "very avant-garde family in Berkeley."

House at 1330 Albina Ave. and the 1893 Brackenridge House at 1410 Bonita Ave.

According to the 1978 Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association survey of the home at 2328 Channing Way, Boynton's design is "noteworthy because of its strange hexagonal tower resting on an airy hexagonal verandah."

Boynton's construction firm Lord and Boynton brought the architects design into reality. The Luttrells got a bill for \$2,000.

The survey tells us that Boynton left California in the late 1890s for Nome, Alaska where "the gold rush had created a building boom." The survey says that Boynton designed Alaska's first Protestant church.

VITAL STATISTICS

What: An Queen Anne-style home built in 1889 for retired sea captain J.F. Luttrell.

Size: An approximately 2,841 square-foot home set on a 6,750-square-foot lot.

Bedrooms: Five

Bathrooms: Two full and one partial

Features: This home boasts many of architect Ira A. Boynton's original features including design of the home's hexagonal turret and the large bay window living room. This well-maintained home is close to the shops and restaurants on Telegraph Avenue and just blocks from the university. The property has a fully fenced yard and plenty of off-street parking.

Price: \$1,100,000

Listing agent: Marc Guay, Red Oak Realty, 510-280-2103, marc@redoakrealty.com



RESOURCES

Berkeley Landmarks, Searchable Quick Index to the Origin of Berkeley's Names, John Aronovitch, Berkeley Historical Society, Berkeley Historical Society, Center, 1911 Center St., Suite 200, Berkeley, CA 94702, Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association's Urban Conserva-

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Comparing notes: Gardening with Gretchen

number 494 in a series of true experiences in real estate. My friend Gretchen and I have been talking gardens and gardening for over 30 years. Maybe once a year we visit each other's homes and on those occasions we walk together along the paths we look and talk about each other's gardens.

Between, we talk on the phone about how things are looking in our gardens, what we've recently planted, what's growing, how much the tree pruner charged, large weeds we've uprooted, easy re-seeders.

We talk when our gardens are beautiful in late afternoon and tell how bad and ugly they look in the harsh noon sun. We have conversations many times about how we should order soil amendments and spread them everywhere and about the difficulties and failure of our watering systems.

Many times we have discussed garden simplicity. How necessary it is to try to grow many different plants, we tell each other. How much smarter to choose a few that do well in our gardens. We've seen a number of garden plantings that made me point.

For instance, I once told Gretchen about a garden I'd seen and she got so interested, she wanted to see it too. The Victorian house in the Berkeley flats painted entirely white, wood shutters and trim. In the garden was a long concrete walkway from the sidewalk to the front door.

On either side of the walkway were pink blooming geraniums and white calla lilies. The garden was neat and watered and looked wonderful. Gretchen and I still talk

about it because, we think we might follow the example.

Sometimes both Gretchen and I are actively, fully invested in our gardens. For weeks and weeks at a stretch, we spend time after work and during weekends tidying, feeding, rearranging, and adding new plants.

And there are times, sometimes for months, when we do very little in our gardens.

Just last week I heard from Gretchen that she had, that day, bought a pressure washer. She said she hoped that as she cleaned the arbored patio outside her living room, she would get back to gardening again. It seems that for quite awhile she'd been so busy with work and helping care for her parents, she done nothing in her garden.

She'd been feeling guilty about her neglect and this had caused more delay. She expected to find total ruin when she did finally go out there.

Brave soul, the day she purchased it, she took the washer to the patio and spent the entire afternoon working there, cut back overgrown wisteria, cleared away dead plants in pots, cleansed the concrete.

There was so much improvement for this that she was able to walk through and to look at all of her garden areas.

While there was much that needed to be done - clearing, pruning, weeding - she was surprised to find good news - survivor plants that without care are still alive and looking good.

She says that in fact she finds it is truly interesting to look at one's garden after being neglected for so long. Geraniums, roses, hydrangeas, and others, were overgrown but fine. Old nasturtium vines were brown and papery but, all on their own, new ones had started up.

Spotting the survivors encouraged Gretchen's latest great garden idea, to use survivors to fill in empty spots.

Her bergenia plants, for instance, with no hands on care at all were healthy. Gretchen reeled off for me the virtues of bergenia. "Nothing eats it (well, snails like it). It doesn't have a dead time. It's really easy to take off those big brown dead leaf flaps. And once it's in, it seems to never die no matter what condition."

"So, my new garden plan is to plant five of the teeniest bergenia bedding plants every Sunday on the back hill."

She explains that beginning at the house and working outward, she can plant more of those she now knows are survivors. More jasmine, clematis and ordinary feverfew. Dependable, pretty much never fail plants. And ferns, more plain green ferns would be a terrific idea.

"Maybe every garden should have a long period of neglect to see what it gets up to on its own. It's possible," she says, which sounds completely brilliant to me, that I will someday be able to get my garden together."

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The Oakland Association of Realtors supports the Oral Lee Brown Foundation. The foundation provides college scholarships for high school students. Real estate agents donate contributions, at the close of the year, for a special fund. This year's goal is \$55,000 or "55 for the 2005 Chairperson is Shirley

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HOUSING AFFORDABILITY FUND co-chair Sereta Churchill and Carl San Miguel, Housing Affordability Fund chair present a \$15,000 check to Lois Harris, OAR president, Ted Dang, EBALDC chairman and Lynette Jung Lee, EBALDC executive director for aid in the development of low to moderate income housing in Oakland.

Oakland Realtors receive HAF funds

BY BOBBIE REID
CORRESPONDENT

At a recent presentation by the California Association of Realtors (CAR) Housing Affordability Fund (HAF) in cooperation with the Oakland Association of Realtors (OAR), a check for \$15,000 was awarded to the East Bay Asian Land Development Corporation (EBALDC). The monies will help with the development of low to moderate priced town houses in Oakland. The lower San Antonio District in the Fruitvale area is the chosen site for the project.

HAF receives funds from CAR members and non-members as well. These contributions are tax deductible. The goal is to address housing issues in the state of California. HAF distributes the aid through local Realtor associations. These groups submit requests for local projects dealing with housing supply and affordability. HAF funds are also used for closing cost assistance, down payment assistance and loan qualification courses. HAF monies can make a greater impact with the cooperation of local associations and their housing partners.

The idea to apply for the HAF funding started at OAR. Georgia Richardson of Richardson Real Estate heads up the Housing Op-

portunity Committee. She brought the plans of EBALDC for building the Sausal Creek Town Homes to the attention of the group and recommended applying for HAF funding. The committee agreed and the OAR Board of Directors approved the move in May.

The involvement of OAR's task force is far reaching. In addition to facilitating this award the group offers other aid to the affordable housing problem. This year the group invited the public to a Housing Fair and sponsored a Bus Tour of available lower cost homes. They also teach applicants for home loans how to repair poor credit.

EBALDC is celebrating 30 years of developing Oakland. They have built new and refurbished existing housing, always for the benefit of those who need housing help. Also offered are programs teaching how to become a small business owner, revitalize neighborhoods and save for homeownership.

Members of the OAR Board of Directors were on hand to observe the \$15,000 check changing hands. Presenting the check were HAF chair Carl San Miguel and co-chair Sereta Churchill with Monica Rodriguez, CAR manager of housing opportunity programs,

looking on.

San Miguel and Churchill were instrumental in convincing HAF that the Oakland project was worthy of the aid. Rodriguez was responsible for coordinating the funding process from the beginning to its conclusion.

Ted Dang, chair of the EBALDC Board and Karoleen Feng, the organization's assistant project manager, gratefully accepted the check. Feng gathered information for the HAF application. Dang is a long time OAR member. OAR President Lois Harris, a Realtor with Prudential California Realty, was there with kudos for all on the results of the OAR Task Force efforts.

EBALDC wants to partner with organizations that have sites in downtown or East Oakland needing development. Potential homebuyers can learn more about a matching savings program. Call 510-287-5353 with questions.

Georgia Richardson encourages Realtors and others to donate. "Local association Realtor member contributions to HAF increase the probability of projects in their city receiving funds for affordable housing initiatives." Learn more about HAF by visiting carhaf@car.org or OAR by calling 510-836-3000.

L.A.: The king of sprawl moves inward

BY GLENN ROBERTS JR.
INMAN NEWS

Los Angeles is known for standstill traffic, a maze of freeways, long commutes, sprawling suburbs and dense smog.

Nobody walks in L.A., right? There's even a song about the region's car-centric lifestyle. But there is something brewing at the center of it all, in the city's downtown core. Developers have been buying up old buildings and redeveloping them as residential units, or starting from scratch with brand-new residential buildings. There are thousands of residents living downtown, with thousands more housing units on the way.

Whether it's a matter of demographics, changing values, a new social dynamic or a combination of all the above, people are living — and walking — in downtown Los Angeles like they never have before. While several other major cities across the country have enjoyed a residential just no more land available. Los Angeles has been a long time coming," said Gregory Vilkin, president of Forest City Residential West, a development company that is working on several downtown Los Angeles residential rebirth through the construction of new inner-city housing units, downtown Los Angeles did not have an established residential district.

"It's a very different lifestyle choice and we're seeing it more and more."

Downtown living is no longer taboo, and residents and developers are increasingly drawn to urban areas in many cities across the nation. Experts say demographics and lifestyle choices are driving the trend. More people are getting fed up with long commutes, immigration and population are surging in some areas, and there is a niche group of people — among them young professionals and empty nesters — who are bored with the 'burbs.

Downtown Los Angeles has historically been a nine-to-five destination, with a large office sector and limited retail offerings.

"People were just there to work," Vilkin said.

The city paved the way for change with an adaptive reuse ordinance in 1999 that allowed older buildings to be renovated from commercial to residential uses without meeting modern code requirements, he said.

"The first wave was artists who did the typical warehouse conversions. That was followed by professionals and folks looking for a little bit edgier lifestyle. Now you see the full spectrum."

"Right now there are between 4,000 and 5,000 new living units that are going to open in the next 36 months in downtown Los Angeles. It's reached the critical mass that you need for additional retail services," he said.

One of the projects at Vilkin's company is the conversion of a 37-story office building, 1100 Wilshire, into 230 condominium units. Studios range in size from 788-826

square feet, with prices starting at about \$350,000. Two-bedroom units range from 745-1,860 square feet, with prices starting above \$550,000. The project will also feature one-bedroom units, two-story lofts and penthouse units.

Other Forest City projects in Los Angeles include the conversion of a historic streetcar company office building to rental apartments, an office-to-residential conversion in Los Angeles' Korea Town, a new loft project near the Staples Center sports and entertainment arena. Michael Leccese, a spokesman for Forest City, said there are more than 100 residential projects now under way in downtown Los Angeles. In January, the Los Angeles Downtown Center Business Improvement District released a downtown market report and the results of a demographic survey of new downtown residents. The report, "Live, Work and Play Downtown L.A.," estimates a total downtown population of about 23,900.

"Downtown Los Angeles is seeing a burst of new residential development, in both adaptive reuse of older buildings, as well as in new construction. A walk through downtown shows the rebirth of city living. Development is taking place in every neighborhood of downtown," the report states. Much of the residential construction activity has been in the past five years, the report also states. The survey of downtown residents included 588 responses from people living downtown. The survey found that downtown residents are between 23-34, and about 58 percent are Caucasian, followed by Asian/Pacific Islanders at 17.1 percent. About 54 percent are 35 years or older; with 16.5 percent aged 18-24. About 57 percent are single and 43 percent worked downtown. About 10 percent of survey participants have commute times of 15 minutes or less. Twenty-two percent of respondents are executives, managers, analysts, and engineers. Most of the married couples living downtown do not have children living with them. They also found about 10 percent of downtown residents are total household income of \$100,000, and the median household income is about \$60,000.

Participants cited proximity to workplace as the top reason for downtown living, followed by access to other amenities and cultural activities and proximity to public transportation. Proximity to clients, in that order.

The construction of the Center arena was a key factor in moving more residents downtown, Vilkin said, which helped to establish a night life in the area and an "18-hour downtown."

The stadium drew residents open in the area. There was a similar development trend at Field was built in downtown over, he added.

Baby boomers and their children are looking for more active proximity to work or school and lengthy commutes are not lifestyle choices that would draw them to the 'burbs.

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Anatomy of a real estate title search

Industry under scrutiny in wake of nationwide investigations

BY JANIS MARA
INMAN NEWS

Karen Applebee of Napa Land Title has 27 years' experience in the title and escrow industry. When the jobs are simple, she can pop out a title search in 15 or 20 minutes, producing four or five reports in one day, she said.

However, "sometimes it can take days," said Applebee, a title officer

whose company is in Napa Valley, a California area known for its wineries. "We've had to go back to the land grants from when Mexico occupied California."

Title insurance companies are under intense scrutiny nationwide in the wake of Colorado's investigation of major title insurers for alleged kickbacks. Though an intense light has flooded the industry, still, little is known about the actual process of a title search. Applebee, a title officer at 27-year-old Napa Land Title, allowed Inman News to observe her on a typical day to

shed some light on the process.

It's obvious that Applebee is a pro as she wrangles 2-foot-by-1-1/2-foot maps from a huge file cabinet with 3-inch-tall, 2-foot-wide drawers, reads the cryptic codes on the maps, and whips the awkward, huge sheets of paper through the photocopier.

"There's no school for title search officers like there is for engineers," Applebee said. "I learned on the job." She started as a legal secretary, though not in the escrow

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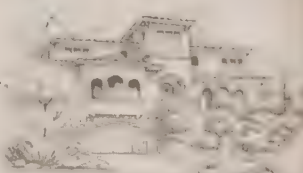
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Recently, a home seller who lived in Oakland's Montclair district was getting his home ready to go on the market. In the process, his dog ran away. While searching for the dog, he met a neighbor and told him that his home would be for sale shortly. The neighbor told friends about the upcoming listing. The friends had recently sold their home and were having a hard time finding a suitable home to buy. Delighted to have the tip, they contacted the seller who agreed to show them the house before it hit the open market. It was love at first sight. In order to avoid competition from other buyers, they made a pre-emptive offer.

Pre-emptive offers have become popular in low-inventory markets where multiple-offer competitions are common. A pre-emptive offer is one that is made early—either before a property is on the market or before the date the sellers have set to accept offers.

HOUSE HUNTING TIP: A pre-emptive offer poses a dilemma for sellers. If they accept the offer, they'll save themselves the hassle of the marketing process. But, on the other hand, it's a gamble. They might sell for a higher price with an aggressive marketing campaign. However, buyers who make pre-emptive offers are usually aware of this. So their offers tend to be strong.

Otherwise, why would a seller agree to forego the chance of selling for a good price?

On the other hand, they could sell for less on the open market. And, there's no guarantee that a buyer whose pre-emptive offer was refused will be around when the sellers do decide to accept offers. If he is, and he makes an offer, it could be for a lower price than he initially offered if there are no competing offers at that time.

In the above example, the pre-emptive offer was for \$75,000 over the asking price. The seller was tempted. But he decided to stick to his original game plan, which was to expose the house to the market before accepting offers. It turned out that the listing was a hot property. It attracted nine offers and sold for \$285,000 over the asking price. If the seller had accepted the pre-emptive offer, he would have left \$210,000 on the table.

Another Montclair seller who sold around the same time had a different experience with a pre-emptive offer. His property also received a lot of interest. It was a cosmetic fixer-upper on a good lot in a desirable location.

After the property was listed, but before the designated offer date, several real estate agents who represented interested buyers called the listing agent to find out if the seller would entertain a pre-emptive offer. The seller said he wanted to wait to hear offers. However, one persistent buyer insisted on writing a pre-emptive offer, which his agent delivered to the listing agent. Although the

seller was pleased with the offer for \$150,000 over the list price, he turned it down. He felt it would be unfair to the other buyers who had wanted to make pre-emptive offers but who were told they had to wait.

On offer date, the seller received eight offers. The accepted offer was for \$5,000 less than the price offered by the pre-emptive buyer. The buyer who made the initial pre-emptive offer did not submit his offer.

THE CLOSING: Pre-emptive offers are risky for both buyers and sellers. Sellers who accept pre-emptive offers will never know if they could have sold for more on the open market. Buyers will never know if they could have paid less.

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area. After a move within California, she registered with a personnel agency that sent her to a title company in 1970. "I've been in and out of the field, but once it gets in your blood, it never gets out," she said. The speed with which the title officer can produce title reports seems to suggest that they're not that expensive to generate. Such

reports can cost consumers in the thousands of dollars. This seems to add fuel to the fire of the ongoing investigations, which accuse title insurers of charging consumers inflated prices that involve illegal referral fees.

Not necessarily, Applebee said. It's expensive, she said, to subscribe to the various companies offering data on properties in a given county that make the search quicker. Napa Land Title subscribes to two databases, the Data Trace

system and MetroScan, as well as the county assessor's tax collector database and the county recorder's database.

Though the title insurance process varies from state to state, at Napa Land Title, the process is set in motion when an order comes in, Applebee said.

The order generally comes from real estate agents, according to David Westcott, the attorney who owns 27-year-old Napa Land Title. There's also a refinance market with mortgage

brokers "who like to work with us," he said. Every once in a while the company gets a for-sale-by-owner walk-up client, Westcott said.

Each company can usually only search its own county, Applebee said. "We have to have the records here (in the office) on both microfilm and on computer."

Though most of the records are

available online, the company has hardcopy records from the 1950s and 1960s in the office, she said.

After the order comes in, the next step is to search the records. Applebee starts in the MetroScan database.

The system displays the owner's name, address, sales and loan information, how much the current

owner paid for it, the legal description and property characteristics. Applebee prints out the information and adds it to the file on the property, along with a map provided by MetroScan. The next step is to have the county assessor's tax collector

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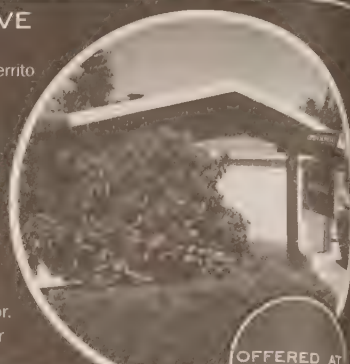
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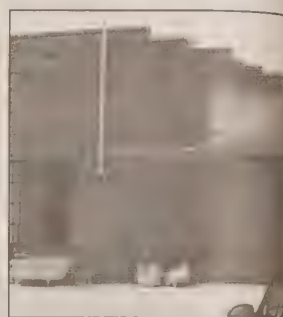
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"This gives us their taxes, whether they're paid and assessed value. It also tells us if any supplemental taxes were paid. This would happen, for example, you added a pool," Applebee said.

Next, Applebee hits the county recorder's Web site and runs the current homeowner's name to make sure there are no federal,

state or county personal liens on the property.

"Let's say you refused to pay an auto mechanic who worked on my car, and the mechanic got a judgment against you in small claims court. That judgment is good for 10 years and you have to pay it," said Applebee. "It takes precedence over a new loan and Bank of America or whatever lender won't take it over."

The fifth step is checking the Data Trace system, another database the company pays for. This

shows every document that has been recorded on the property - mortgages, second mortgages, liens and easements on the property.

Now, Applebee pulls the subdivision map - the huge maps that live in flat files in the office. She looks at the map to see if there are easements, such as allowing telephone poles or the like on the property.

"The dotted line on one area shows a PG&E easement - see?" Applebee points out. "That's a storm drain."

She photocopies the part of the map applying to this property and puts the copy in the file.

Now, Applebee writes up the results of her labors. Another employee of the firm will do the data entry.

"Now we have the preliminary title report," Applebee said. "When the sale closes, we'll issue a title policy."

Because this particular job involved an existing lot in a subdivision, it was easy, Applebee said. Other pieces of property can be much more demanding.

"If you're doing a piece of property in the mountains or a vineyard, it isn't subdivided. The lots aren't perfectly laid out and are in various sizes and you have to read the legal description to make sure you're looking at the right place." This and other reasons make it more complicated, Applebee said.

Complicated title searches can take easily up to two days, she said.

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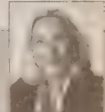
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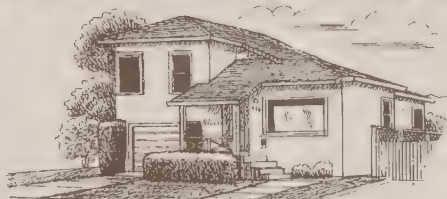
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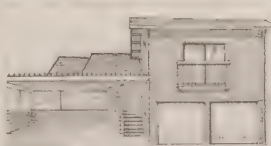
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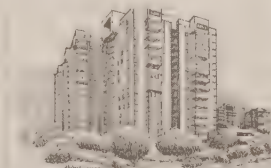
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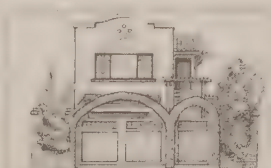
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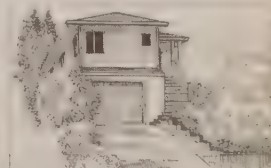
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Cold feet?



[august 14th]

Terrariums: Gardening in a bowl

Once more, many find terrariums entrancing

BY DENISE COWIE
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Terrariums, those miniature green worlds under glass that gardeners of a certain age remember so well, are making a comeback.

Terrarium-workshop attendance is up; plant stores and gardening catalogs are showcasing fancy containers, and one lifestyle magazine even suggests making tiny terrariums out of clear glass ornaments left over from Christmas.

Can a terrarium episode of "That 70s Show" be far behind? It was in the '70s, in fact, that South Jersey gardener Ann Neff first encountered gardening under glass and made her first little biosphere in a bubble.

"It was like a ship in a bottle, only it was plants," recalls Neff, a professional puppeteer who lived in Manhattan at the time. She still has her tools — long tweezers and bamboo sticks — that she purchased in a plant store in Greenwich Village.

"I'm sure I did it (with instructions) out of Woman's Day or a book," Neff says.

That garden has long since disappeared, but not her enchantment with miniature landscapes. So Neff, who took up gardening with a vengeance when she moved to Monroeville, N.J., a decade ago, signed up immediately when a local nursery offered a terrarium workshop before the holidays.

This time, she created her garden in a glass bowl, with personal touches that included mosses harvested from her 10-acre property, and presented it to her stepdaughter as a gift. "It was great fun," she says.

Terrariums were born in the Victorian age, when plant exploration was at its height. A British physician named Nathaniel Ward was conducting experiments with caterpillars in the 1820s when he discovered, quite accidentally, that plant life could thrive in a glass jar.

This led to the invention of the Wardian case, a mostly glass container in which live plants could be safely shipped around the globe. It proved an enormous boon to plant exploration, protecting plants from salt spray and changing climates on long ocean voyages.

The glass cases captured the people's fancy. Upscale Victorians began growing plants in ever-more-ornate versions, like smaller-scale models of the era's elaborate crystal conservatories.

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more than just a fashionable home accessory. He was a humanitarian who also envisioned his invention as a way for the poor to be able to grow green vegetables — something that was often impossible in the heavily polluted air of urban areas in 19th-century Britain. He was, according to some accounts, an early advocate of horticultural therapy.

If terrariums in general are enjoying a revival now, so are decorative interpretations of the Wardian case, though they aren't always called that. You can find them in catalogs under such names as Victorian terrarium or Gothic conservatory.

"It's not necessarily just the hardcore horticulture places that are offering them," says Chela Kleiber, who manages educational workshops and classes for the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. "They show up in a home-decorating context, as a design element," even if they have no plants in them at all.

Virginia Page-Hentschel, who teaches a terrarium workshop at Meadowbrook Farm in Abington Township, Pa., probably helped fuel the trend a few years ago, when she began growing begonia cuttings in terrariums for practical reasons — the glass containers create an ideal environment.

"There were some old ones in the back (at Meadowbrook), like little

houses, and I started planting them up," she says. "And people saw them and said, 'Oh, great! Terrariums!' and started buying them. It was like a little trip to the past for them."

But not for Page-Hentschel. "I'm like an old hippie, and I've been doing terrariums since the '70s," she says, laughing.

Lorraine Kiefer, a longtime enthusiast and co-owner of Triple Oaks Nursery & Herb Garden in Franklinville, N.J., likes to bring a bit of the woods indoors in winter by including a few woodland plants in the large bubble terrarium on her coffee table.

"I used to make them and sell them when I was in 7th and 8th grades," Kiefer says.

Page-Hentschel, who usually uses crystal bowls with glass plates as covers, thinks convenience is part of terrariums' renewed appeal.

"I'm sensing it's a lifestyle change for women who work or travel," she says, but still want to garden. "They want to have these beautiful things that take more time, but now they can grow them in a controlled environment and have the best of both worlds — (the plants) are protected from lack of humidity, lack of water, and temperature changes."

"Once the environment gets going, it takes care of itself. You can go away on vacation."

Downtown dwellings bring new life to urban core

BY GLENN ROBERTS JR.
NMAN NEWS

Lucy Killea, a former California senator and councilwoman, and a former member of the San Diego City Council, has lived for nearly six years in a high-rise downtown condominium in San Diego. She lives alone there and enjoys the downtown lifestyle.

As a politician and resident, Killea has watched the downtown transform from a largely retail district that was geared toward the local military population. Today, wealthy suburban-area people are coming in, and young professionals and retirees like herself are now living there, she said.

"When I first moved in, my friends would say, 'Don't you feel it's dangerous (to live downtown)?' Now it's, 'Oh, you live downtown? You lucky thing,'" she said. "It's been fabulous for the restaurants. We just have more wonderful restaurants now. It's wonderful for the cultural life."

Living in a high-rise condo downtown, Killea, who is retired, doesn't have to worry about home maintenance as much. "It's great because I can keep very active without being distracted."

The residential resurgence took root more than a decade ago in San Diego, Killea said, and the local boom may be settling. "There is a tremendous amount of building. We're hitting the saturation point and I think demand will level out a bit," she said.

Downtown living is no longer taboo, and residents and developers are increasingly drawn to urban areas in many cities across the nation. Experts say demographics and lifestyle choices are driving the trend. More people are getting fed up with long com-

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muties, immigration and population are surging in some areas, and there is a niche group of people — among them young professionals and empty nesters — who are bored with the 'burbs.

In several examples, it was the bohemians who rediscovered city life. They were the pioneers who found residential potential in vacant warehouses and long-stagnant commercial buildings. They made their homes and practiced their craft in lofts and other odd places.

The following phase of urban dwellers typically has included young professionals, empty-nesters and baby boomers with money to spend. Developers have watched this trend gurgle and then spout up at different times and in different places, tapping this burgeoning market of city-seekers by converting mouse-infested eyesores into housing and stores, or starting from scratch with new buildings that boast luxury high-rise condos or modernized lofts. In some cases, housing is springing up in downtown areas previously devoid of residential districts.

Urban infill and renewal, adaptive reuse, redevelopment and revitalization, high-density, mixed-use, transit-oriented, smart growth, and new urbanism: Such buzzwords for inner-city rebirth are now well established in real

estate industry vocabularies. Builders and planners say that these new forms of downtowns, which come in many shapes and sizes and break the mold of traditional developments, have finally come of age as a viable niche in housing market. And fill experts say there is ample room to grow in many of the nation's city centers.

"We've really just seen the first wave. I think because of the demographic factors — more households without kids, fewer of conventional suburban families, a whole lot more empty nesters and a lot more immigrants, people are looking for more town-like living arrangements and less of the one-size-fits-all suburbia," said David A. Goldberg, a spokesman for Smart Growth America.

The agency is a coalition of local, state and national organizations that act as advocates for neighborhood revitalization, environmentally friendly construction, and the preservation of farmland, open space and historic buildings, among other aims.

"This willingness to look at the central city and inner suburbs as a place to live has been driven in part by the long commutes and the limited choices that you find in the newer suburbs, where your choices are limited to several

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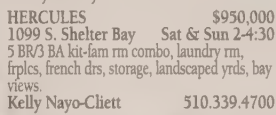


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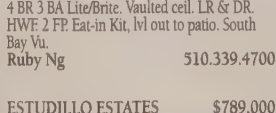
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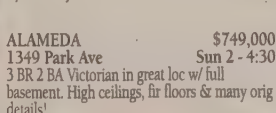
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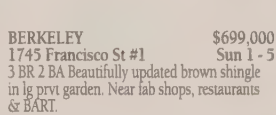


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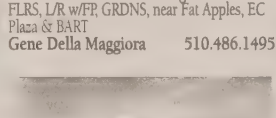


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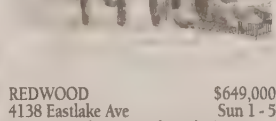
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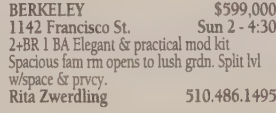
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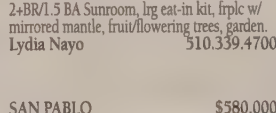
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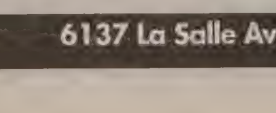
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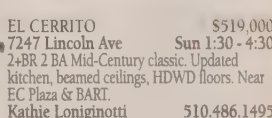


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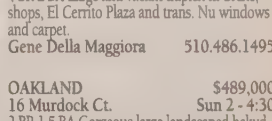
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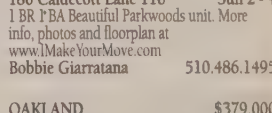
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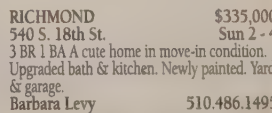
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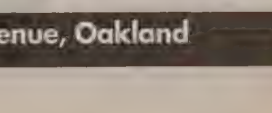
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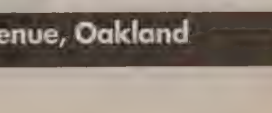
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shades of beige single-family homes," Goldberg added.

Suburban housing developments have been a fixture in the nation's real estate landscape since World War II, and this trend heightened in the 1990s, he also said.

"In the '90s we consumed land a lot faster than we ever had before, per unit of population. Commute distances were growing to the point where cost in time and money to travel to where the jobs were really began to offset the lower cost of the land for a lot of people."

Some savvy developers began to explore the potential for housing much closer to job centers.

Don't expect to find an abandoned suburbia, though. At this time, urban infill is still just a sliver of the nation's overall housing stock, and suburban development continues to grow and thrive. "It's still tougher to do an infill project or a lot conversion than it is to go to a suburban jurisdiction and build on a greenfield," Goldberg said, though that generality does not always hold true for some land-strapped and preservation-minded communities. "I do think in some places there is something approaching a leveling of the playing field."

City living is not for everyone, and in fact most people prefer to live in the suburbs, said R. John Ochsner, division president for Centex Homes, Northern California. "Every time we do a survey at the home builder level, it constantly comes up that buyers prefer single-family detached homes in suburban settings," he said. Suburban development is getting farther afield, and outlying areas once considered emerging housing markets are now considered to be prime markets, Ochsner said.

Downtowns are not the place where most Americans are raising their kids, he said. "What we see in urban living — the buyer profile is anybody with no kids: singles, couples, couples in alternative lifestyles, move-downs, the portion of the population that really can't afford a single-family home but wants to get in the for-sale market."

But Centex hasn't missed out on infill — the company is the third largest general contractor in the country and has worked on several urban infill projects. "There's a lot to be learned here. Nobody has figured it out. Each deal is unique," Ochsner said. "In general there's still a hard-wiring of the American development machine to the periphery, getting farther and farther away," said Mark Muro, director of policy for the Metropolitan Policy Program at The Brookings Institution. But there is also a major push inward in many cities, he noted. "Sprawl is going to hit the wall in some places. It already has in Los Angeles."

"You have both a heating up in centers that is beginning to warm urban real estate markets that have been slack for a long time, but you also have yet another movement outward, fueled by low-cost inter-

est rates. The move to the periphery is a search for home affordability." A runaway housing market, which has seen record-breaking price appreciation and sales in many markets, has aided on both fronts, he said. "The extreme real estate environment has accelerated both sprawl and (urban) regeneration."

Muro noted the migration trend of 20-something and 30-something young urban professionals moving to some city centers, along with some seniors and empty nesters,

and said that the lack of quality education remains a roadblock for families who might otherwise move downtown.

These new waves of urban residents can gentrify established neighborhoods, driving up real estate prices and driving out low-income residents, though urban infill does hold the promise, he said, "of diversifying what has often become a low-income and often racially isolated population."

In his 2003 book, "House by

House, Block by Block: The Rebirth of America's Urban Neighborhoods," Alexander von Hoffman focused on five cities that have experienced urban renewal. He noticed some general patterns in how a city center is reborn. "There is the phenomenon of urban pioneers — people who like and adopt particular neighborhoods," he said. Von Hoffman is also a senior fellow at the Harvard University Joint Center for Housing Studies.

"People who move in (first) of-

ten are artists, bohemians of one sort or another. They fix up properties as residential areas and they start a new dynamic as something that is valued. It's a gradual process starting with a few people building

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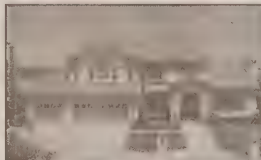
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and by the 1990s it was a recognizable trend in many areas, von Hoffman said. "It used to be people with money and wherewithal did not want to live in the city. They wanted to live in the suburbs. Everything about the city had a bad image. Hardly anybody lived in downtowns at all 40 years ago. If they did they were living in shelters or possibly luxury apartments on the waterfront." But city living "now is quite fashionable," he said. City-goers are typically seeking a more rich cultural experience, with museums, theater, symphony, restaurants, and night life all around, he said, while suburbanites tend to favor big lots, green spaces and schools.

Overall, the population in suburbs and farther outlying communities, sometimes called "exurbs," continues to grow faster than the population living in inner-city areas, but clearly "inner cities are becoming vital, growing places," he said.

Robert Lang, director of The Metropolitan Institute at Virginia Tech University, has said that about 60 percent of the U.S. population now resides in suburban areas, while 30 percent live in central-city

areas and about 10 percent live in smaller urban centers with populations of about 10,000 to 50,000. The population in suburban areas is expected to grow to about 60 percent of the total U.S. population by 2030.

Lang also has said. Is inner-city residential development just a passing fancy, a trend that is bound to end? Lawrence Bond, chairman of Bond Cos., a development company based in Santa

Monica, Calif., said that is not likely. "I don't think it's a phenomenon. I think it's an accepted product type at this time."

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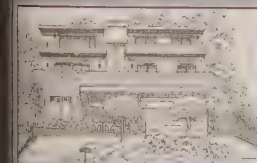
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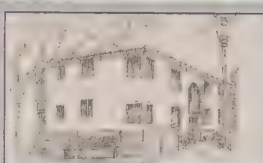
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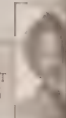


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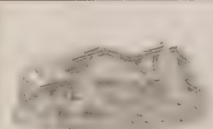


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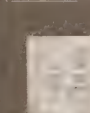


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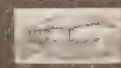


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■ Buying a home can mean buying into homeowners association

BY SUE MCALLISTER
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With the price of a three-bedroom house in Silicon Valley often exceeding \$600,000 these days, many buyers are choosing condominiums, which tend to be a less expensive option.

But buying a condo — or buying a house in some master-planned communities — comes with a set of issues many homeowners don't have to face.

Condo buyers don't simply become homeowners once all the papers are signed. They also become part of a homeowners association. Owners of some single-family houses in planned developments also become part of homeowners associations.

Because a homeowners association is essentially a corporation, it's important to check out the rules and the financial health of that enterprise before becoming one of its owners, experts say.

"You're buying into a part of a business, so you need to look at not only the packet they give you, but talk to people in the development. What do they understand are the problems of the development?" said Sam Chuck, a real estate attorney in San Jose.

The association's business is to pay for maintenance and repair of all the mutually owned parts of the community — things like roadways, sidewalks, pools and roofs — and enforce the rules of the association. Owners pay monthly fees to fund those activities.

The "packet" Chuck referred to is typically a stack of documents that should disclose to a potential buyer all the pertinent facts about the operation of the homeowners association; the do's and don'ts of homeowner behavior and the financial health of the association. The packet is usually provided to buyers once they are in escrow.

Buyers with short "contingency periods" in their purchase agreements should be warned: It can sometimes take several days for an association's property management company to produce the documents.

Among other things, the packet should include copies of the association's articles of incorporation and bylaws, its rules and its "conditions, covenants and restrictions," commonly known as "CC&Rs." It also should include minutes from a year's worth of association meetings, a copy of the association's budget and a financial statement. Often, association newsletters are included as well.

San Jose condo owner David Zippin said he thinks reading an as-

sociation's newsletters is a good way to get familiar with community issues and to learn about the association's property management company "and whether they have their act together or not." Meeting minutes also are useful for this purpose.

Zippin and his partner, Tom Engels, bought their condo four years ago, despite the fact that the newsletters and other disclosures told them the association was in the process of suing the project's developer over water-related damage.

"The surprise is that it's lasted over four years. We didn't expect that," he said, referring to the lawsuit. Other than that, they've had no big surprises, although Zippin said he did not slog through every page of the rules they were given.

Chuck said few people bother to read more than a page or two of their CC&Rs, but they should read sections that seem pertinent to their lives. The documents can specify things like what color door a home can have, what color paint and trim, what kind of fencing can be used, how big a dog an owner can have, how many pets are allowed, even how big a party an owner can throw.

"I've seen CC&Rs that limit what children are allowed to do," Chuck said. Skateboarding might not be allowed, for example.

Robert Rosenberg, an executive with one of the largest property-management companies in northern California, said, "We have people who move into communities and really have no clue they can't play their music at 2 o'clock in the morning, and that's just a basic understanding of the governing documents."

He said sellers' agents should get the documents as soon as they get the listing, so buyers have plenty of time to read them.

"Everyone's always rushed around, and in the end I think the person that is short-changed is the buyer," he said.

Real estate agent Jeff Hansen agreed that buyers should ask about any rules that affect their daily lives.

Hansen, who specializes in selling downtown San Jose condos, said "the things that people are bothered by over time tend to be practical," like parking.

Some associations strictly limit guest parking or forbid street parking, for example. And in the Silver Creek Valley Country Club development, which is made up of single-family houses, association rules say that owners "can't have more cars than you can fit in your garage," said Bonnie Griffith, an agent with Windermere Silicon Valley who lives in the development.

Griffith also said prospective buyers should find out exactly what their association dues will cover. Water? Garbage service? Landscaping?

"They're all different, so that's an important question to ask," she said.

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Buzz Bertolero is Executive Vice President of Navlet's Garden Centers and a California Certified Nursery Professional. His Web address is www.dirtgardener.com and send questions by e-mail at dirtgardener@aol.com or to 360 Civic Drive Ste. D, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

Association

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Buyers also should find out whether dues have gone up over the years. If not, that could be a sign of future trouble, because an aging community will certainly need main-

tenance, and the association may not have raised enough funds to cover it.

New buyers may be hit with steep increases in dues. "You can't say, 'Hey, I just got here and nobody told me,'" Chuck said.

Buyers should also check out what kind of insurance the associ-

ation has — does it have an earthquake policy, for example? And what are the deductibles?

Any pending or ongoing litigation should be disclosed. Buyers often shy away from condos that are part of construction-defect lawsuits because the legal action adds a layer of complexity to an already

daunting financial transaction.

"You're scared anyway, and then you hear, 'Oh, I'm part of a lawsuit,'" he said. Hansen last year bought into a condo association in downtown San Jose that is suing the builder over alleged construction defects.

He said a good aspect of the deal was that he knew exactly

what's wrong with the condo buildings, because experts have carefully examined them.

He also said values in the complex may rise once the litigation is complete. On the other hand, if the lawsuit doesn't go in the association's favor, owners will need to pay for repairs.

Knowing about pending litigation, dues and rules is a good start. But checking out the financial strength of an association is just as important, said Jacquie Berry, president of Community Association Data Source in San Jose.

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REDWOOD HEIGHTS
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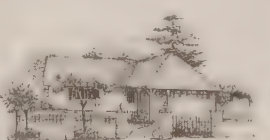
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Be sure to clean those gutters twice a year

BY ALAN J. HEAVENS
KNIGHT RIDER NEWSPAPERS

Q: How often should gutters be cleaned?

A: I'd recommend twice a year: in the spring and again in the fall. But that doesn't mean you shouldn't keep tabs on your gutters all year long. During the spring cleaning, check for any damage that might have been caused in winter by snow and accumulation of ice in the gutters.

Fall is a good time to remove leaves and other debris that started to fill the gutters as soon as the trees began shedding their leaves. Evergreens tend to shed their needles at different times, though, so if your house is surrounded by pine, spruce and similar trees, add a third gutter cleaning to your schedule.

If there's a downpour and rainwater pours over the edges of a gutter, that's a clear sign the gutter is blocked. Another sign: If it hasn't rained for a couple of days and you can still hear water dripping along the downspout, it means water is making its way slowly past a blockage.

When gutters are installed properly, they work properly. But even when the installation is correct, the weight of water and ice can knock them out of alignment - which can mean gutters that no longer slope properly and don't carry water directly to the downspouts. Get the necessary adjustments made - by the roofer who installed the gutters, if possible.

Q: What is the proper way to run central air conditioning? Should I leave it on all summer, adjusting the temperature as needed, or turn it on in the morning and off at night?

A: Continuous operation of a central air-conditioning system can be efficient - it's all the starts and stops that require additional energy. Eliminate those and the system will run at peak efficiency. Still, you don't want to waste energy by running the system at a constant temperature if you don't

have to. The answer is a programmable thermostat, which can be set for the times you want the house to be warmer or cooler.

You can program the thermostat to raise the temperature when you leave the house. Then, two hours or so before you return, the thermostat will begin lowering the temperature to, say, 74 degrees from 78. If you shut off the system when you leave and restart it when you return, it

will take a longer time and much more energy to overcome the heat that has built up.

Q: A piece of wood trim just below the edge of my porch roof is rotted. Someone told me that it was probably a 2-inch-by-6-inch board. When I went to replace it, I discovered that the new board was too thin and too narrow. What did I do wrong?

A: That piece of wood trim is called a fascia board; it's the

board to which a gutter is typically attached. If a 2-by-6 couldn't be used to replace the fascia, it's likely your house predates standard building codes. In the old days, a 2-inch-by-6-inch board was 2 inches thick by 6 inches wide; today, a 2-by-6 is actually 1½ by 5½ inches. The lesson here:

Always measure the piece you're replacing. You can overcome the half-inch difference by

having a lumberyard cut down a wider, thicker board to a true 2-by-6 using a table saw and a thickness planer. A carpenter can do the same thing and make the repair quickly.

I've made such repairs without a table saw or thickness planer. To compensate for the difference in thickness of the old and new boards, I cut pieces of lumber to fill the gap.

The pieces were only a half-inch thick, and if I had tried to drive a nail through them, I would have split them. Instead, I predrilled several holes in each

piece and then nailed through two of those holes.

Then I marked the other holes on the board and predrilled them. Nails I hammered in did not split the pieces to the rafters.

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And as of July, all California homeowners associations will be required by law to project how well their reserve funds will cover maintenance needs for the next 30 years. For about \$300, Berry's company will review the disclosure documents provided to a buyer, make sure disclosures comply with the law and evaluate the financial fitness of the homeowners association. Her customers are mostly buyers and their agents, but sellers hire her too.

She says almost none of the disclosure packets she reviews are initially in compliance with the law on association disclosures, which is known as the Davis-Stirling Act. But "the financial health of the association is most critical to these people," she said. "To get hit with a large special assessment is devastating."

Berry said she recently reviewed a case in which homeowners were each assessed \$23,000 to pay for repairs that the association's reserve funds couldn't cover. Homeowners who don't or can't pay the special assessments may be fined for non-payment, and can even face foreclosure. So it's important that buyers know what kind of financial shape an association is in before they buy, she said.

Berry said associations whose reserves include at least 70 percent of what's needed to fund anticipated maintenance and repairs are unlikely to have to raise dues steeply in the near future. For associations whose reserves are leaner, homeowners are likely to face increases, she said.

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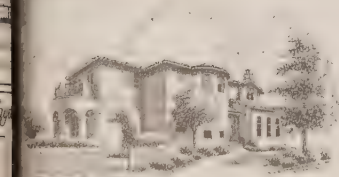


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\$759,000	311 Central Ave Sun 2:30-4:30	3 BD/1 BA West End	510-814-4829/814-4836 Harbor Bay Realty Margaret Lomba/ Nina Quan
\$779,000	3045 Windsor Dr. Sun 2-4	3 BD/1.5 BA East End	510-814-4716 Harbor Bay Realty Lorraine Ingeman
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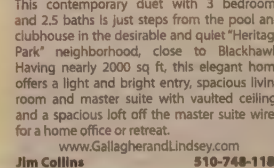
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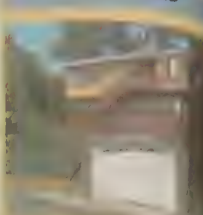
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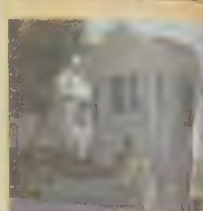
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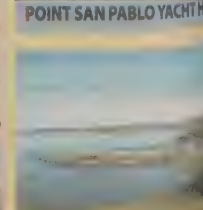
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Section C

Plenty turn out for a good cause in Alameda event

Nearly 1,200 runners and walkers take part in the annual Run for the Parks

By Shane Carney
CORRESPONDENT

On Sunday morning at 8:30, many people are just waking up or are still in bed sleeping. For the 1,175 registered runners and walkers at Alameda's 24th annual Run for the Parks, 8:30 signaled the start of their race.

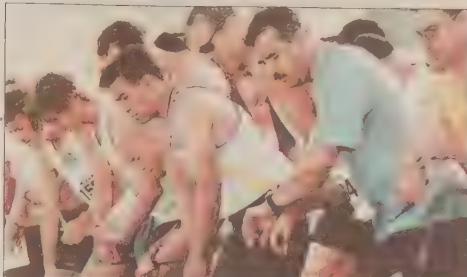
As the runners waited anxiously at the starting line on Shoreline Drive, the sun gleamed off the bay that lay a mere 20 to 30 feet away from where the runners began the race. The sun provided a morning warmth that proved to be comfortable for the runners throughout the morning. The crowded starting line witnessed a few trips and stumbles, but the race began on time to the

delight of those present. By 8:45, the top finishers of the 2.2-mile race finished their mornings strong. Seventeen minutes later, Ben Turman of Berkeley, the top finisher in the featured event, the 10-kilometer (approximately 6.2 miles), ended his race with a time of 32 minutes, 33 seconds.

The runners and walkers were both males and females of all ages. The majority of the runners competing call Northern California their home, but the race gets its share of out-of-towners every year as well.

"Some people who are really serious about running make the drive to race here, while some people are in the area on vacation and decide to come try it out. Every year, we get a few runners from other states as well," said Fred Framsted, a recreational supervisor for Alameda Recreation and Parks.

The race has many return runners each year who enjoy the



HEIDI HUBER/STAFF

NEARLY 1,200 took part in the 24th running of the Run for the Parks in Alameda. The proceeds go to a number of causes, including the Parks and Recreation Department.

event and along the beach. The 2.2-mile race runs along the beach with the San Francisco skyline in the distance. The 10K course, consisting of tiny rolling hills and stretches of flat ground, leads the runners around the Island of

Alameda.

The 1,175 registered runners who competed Sunday morning paid a \$25 registration fee to run (\$20 for early registrants). The money raised by Run for the Parks goes into the Alameda

Recreation and Parks fund, where it is then distributed to several different causes.

"Some of the money will go to scholarships for kids who participate in Recreation and Parks activities, and some of the money will help to pay for those activities and other amenities the parks need," Framsted said.

As the race ended, a crowd gathered for the awards ceremony at the South Shore Center. The runners were congratulated on finishing the race and were thanked for helping raise money for a worthy cause.

The top three finishers in each age division were brought up on stage and were given bronze, silver, and gold medals. The overall male winner, Turman, and the overall female winner, Kara June of Alameda (36:34), each received a special engraved clock.

The top three male finishers



HEIDI HUBER/STAFF

BEN TURMAN of Berkeley crossed the finish line first at the 24th Run for the Parks.

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YOUTH RESULTS

SOFTBALL

Last week, 11 proud middle school girls made local sporting history when the 12-under Sting Blue became the first team representing the Albany-Berkeley Girls Softball League to play in an Amateur Softball Association national tournament. When all was finished, the Sting Blue had earned 17th place at the ASA Western Nationals at Mt. Vernon, Wash.

Sting's journey to Washington fulfilled the lofty goal the players set for themselves at the beginning of the season and marked a coming of age for a league more than two decades old.

Arriving as Pacific Region co-champions, Sting joined an elite group of 49 of the best teams from 11 states (Eastern U.S. teams were in an eastern national). Teams as far away as Oklahoma, Texas, and Montana, New Mexico, and Iowa joined in the week-long, double-elimination tournament.

On day one, Sting achieved immediate success, winning both of their games and advancing to the round of

Sting showed they belonged, playing with skill, poise and effort in the company of many championship teams.

On day two, Sting suffered their first loss, beaten by the eventual fifth-place team.

Day three was elimination day. Only seven teams lost for the second time and were ousted from the tournament. Sting included. Sting's 2-2 record was good for 17th place.

Sting 10, Auburn Air Attack 4: Drawing some nerves, Sting trailed early. But pitcher Kelsey Murakami pitched out 10 and scattered six hits. Her infield defense kept things in check. Sting bats came alive in the second inning. Meagan Tokunaga was in two of Sting's first four runs, leading a 4-1 cushion.

Late runs by Sabina Khan and Lisa Smithers completed the scoring. Sting pulled away to a comfortable lead and won over a game team from Washington state. The game marked Sting's first experience with an out-of-state squad.

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JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

ANTHONY SANDBERG founded the Olympic Circle Sailing Club in 1979. Today it's the largest single-location sailing school in the United States.

Clear sailing for East Bay school

■ Sandberg wants to do for his sport what others have done for skiing

By Ann Tatko-Peterson
STAFF WRITER

Waves crash over the bow of the sailboat, spraying cold bay water in every direction. A sharp wind, blowing at 18 knots, fills the sails and sweeps over skin warmed earlier by the sun.

The sailboat measures almost 35 feet long. It costs about a quarter million dollars. And on this cool August day, it tilts at a seemingly precarious 45-degree angle, the starboard hull practically submerged in the water, the boat rocketing through every wave that stands in its path.

The scene might look and feel like a maelstrom, if not for An-

thony Sandberg.

A dark blue cap pulled low, the collar of his waterproof red jacket pulled high, Sandberg, 56, sits nestled in the corner of the stern. He stretches his long legs across the back of the boat, a Diet Coke in one hand, his eyes scanning the horizon as he chats casually about a recent trip to Turkey.

The scene looks and feels like just another day at sea. For Anthony Sandberg, that's exactly what it is.

In 1979, Sandberg turned a municipal dump into a sailing school on the Berkeley Marina. He started with only a small, rotted dock box, a borrowed boat and a phone. Money was so tight that he lived out of his van at the marina.

More than 25 years later, OCSC Sailing (Olympic Circle

A CLOSER LOOK

■ **WHAT:** Olympic Circle Sailing Club (OCSC)

■ **WHERE:** Berkeley Marina

■ **SCHOOL:** Classes certify students to bareboat charter anywhere in the world. The school also offers an on-water introduction course to acquaint prospective students with the sport.

■ **MEMBERSHIP:** Standard membership costs \$595 initiation fee and \$59 monthly dues. Associate membership (when sponsored by a standard member) costs \$395 initiation fee and

\$39 monthly dues. Membership provides discounts on classes and gear, ability to charter from OCSC's fleet of 50 yachts, access to an online list of available skippers and crewmates and free access to social activities.

■ **FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Visit the club's Web site at ocscsailing.com or call 1-800-223-2984. The club also hosts a free barbecue the first Wednesday and third Saturday of every month to introduce itself to potential members and students.

Sailing Club) has grown into the largest single-location sailing school in the United States. It sits on 10,000 square feet of prime waterfront property and maintains a fleet of 50 boats worth

\$4.5 million. Along with partner Rich Jepson, the chief executive officer, Sandberg oversees a staff of 75 employees, including 45 instructors.

OCSC also boasts of 1,000

dues-paying club members and a growing revenue base estimated at \$2.5 million for this year. Two percent of the business' gross revenue goes to support environmental and social issues.

From a factual standpoint, those numbers outline the success of OCSC Sailing. But long before he saw any such numbers, Sandberg knew the business would prosper.

"You need an essential core, which is the sport itself," he said. "Just look at skiing. It grew from rope tows to gondolas, from rustic cabins to lodges. Every great industry explodes from an essential seed."

Sailing had one inherent problem: debunking the myth that it's a sport for only the wealthy and the strong.

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BASKETBALL

■ **Hoop Games 2005** — 3-on-3 Tournament for male and female teams Oct. 1 at Vallejo Waterfront to benefit the Hoop Games Basketball Association that assists Bay Area youth in education. Divisions 10U, 13U, 16U and 18U. \$125 per team if registered before Aug. 31. 707-534-2296.

■ **Piedmont High School Clinic** — Shooting clinic for boys and girls ages 7-18 noon-3 p.m. and 3:15-6:15 p.m. Sept. 11 at Piedmont High School gym, 800 Magnolia Ave, Piedmont. \$60. 510-433-2600 or cpl@il-clip.com.

■ **Excellence in Basketball** — Currently taking sign-ups for competitive boys club teams, grades 6-12, that play squads from throughout the East Bay. Scholarships offered for hardship cases. Bob 925-738-8741, eb-coach@aol.com.

FOOTBALL

■ **Rodeo Softball** — Car wash fundraiser to benefit 14U team 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 13 at Home Depot, Hercules. Raising funds for 2006 tourna-

ments in Southern California, Florida and Hawaii. Cars \$5, trucks, vans and SUVs \$10. Jackie Crippen, 510-724-7619.

■ **Unity in the Community Golf Tournament** — Tournament to benefit "Positive Directions Equals Change," Sept. 17, 10 a.m. at Chuck Corica Golf Complex, Alameda. Proceeds go to addressing drug, alcohol and violence issues in some African American communities in the East Bay. \$120 includes lunch, golf cart and prizes. Cedric Akbar, 415-401-0199 or 415-740-5587; Lee Boone, 415-740-5591.

GENERAL

■ **Kidfest** — Multi-activity day for

ages 18 months to 9 years. 9-12 p.m. Aug. 27 Bladim Sports and Fitness Club, 800 West Tower Ave., Alameda. Activities include: rock wall climbing, baseball batting cages, volleyball, yoga, inline skating, face painting. Free. John Kelly 510-814-4999 Ext. 122

SOCCER

■ **Alameda Contra Costa Youth Soccer League** — Open tryouts for Mavericks Aztecas 13U team 6-8 p.m. Mondays-Fridays at team practices, Kennedy High School, 4300 Cutting Blvd., Richmond. Players must be born after July 31, 1993. Karl, 510-528-5526 or Malamud_Room@hotmail.com.

SOFTBALL

■ **Lady Athletics** — Tryouts for highly competitive players for 18U A squad, 6 p.m. Aug. 18 at the Laney College softball field. Linda Thompson, 510-388-6185 or visit www.etaamz.com/ladyathletics.

■ **Hayward Lady Wolfpack Fastpitch** — Looking for players, 16U and 18U, for fall season. Call for tryout information. 510-317-1710. Visit www.ladywolfpack.org.

TENNIS

■ **Contra Costa College** — Looking for experienced pitching coach. Deadline for applications Aug. 17.

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ALAMEDA RUN FOR THE PARKS

10-kilometer run

OVERALL TOP 20

1 Ben Turman (Berkeley) 32:33, 2 Yoji Reichert (Alameda) 32:50, 3 Kota Reichert (Alameda) 33:29, 4 Andrew Boudreau (Berkeley) 33:54, 5 Neil Callender (Alameda) 34:33, 6 Ian Masana (Alameda) 34:49, 7 Tim Keenan (Walnut Creek) 34:51, 8 Arnan Rogerson (Alameda) 34:52, 9 Michael Abrams (Pleasanton) 35:09, 10 Van Medina (Hayward) 35:15, 11 Sean O'Toole (Alameda) 35:26, 12 Alex Masana (Alameda) 35:31, 13 David Jones (Oakland) 35:44, 14 James Laville (Carmichael) 35:54, 15 Neal Rodrigues (Alameda) 37:01, 16 Michael Weiss (San Francisco) 37:34, 17 Daniel Hinds (Fremont) 37:56, 18 Steve Ware (Stockton) 37:40, 19 Patrick Shew (Alameda) 37:45, 20 Michael Shaw (Oakland) 37:55.

Women

1 Kara June (Alameda) 36:34, 2 Jenny Wong (Piedmont) 38:34, 3 Becki Kinne (San Jose) 39:05, 4 Sissel Bentsen-Amber (Oakland) 39:11, 5 Corinne Roberts (Alameda) 39:16, 6 Pamela Hayes (Oakland) 40:13, 7 Roberta McGraw (Oakland) 40:36, 8 Teresa Clark (Portola Valley) 40:36, 9 Diane Dove (Alameda) 41:29, 10 Karen Saxena (Oakland) 42:29, 11 Katelyn Guller (Livermore) 42:55, 12 Shirley Mason (Larkspur) 43:09, 13 Diana Gishan (Pleasanton) 43:29, 14 Jessica Masana (Alameda) 43:35, 15 Jessica Scalzo (San Lorenzo) 44:24, 16 Jennifer MacPherson (Alameda) 44:41, 17 Darcy Wood (Berkeley) 45:36, 18 Barbara Miller (Modesto) 46:03, 19 Amanda Khan (Pleasanton) 46:04, 20 Dana Farkas (Lafayette) 46:24.

TOP THREE BY DIVISION

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2-mile race

OVERALL TOP 20

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Run

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in the 10K were Turman, Yoji Reichert of Alameda (32:58), and Yoji's brother, Kota (33:29). The

Youth

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Sting 15, Clovis Bullets 13: In a shaky start, Sting opening on defense, provided free passes, made sloppy plays and generally looked awful in spotting Clovis an eight-run first inning lead. Sting appeared to be trying to tire the Bullets out by forcing them to run around the bases.

Fortunately, the strategy may have worked. In the bottom half, Sting put the ball in play and Clovis returned the favor, butchering several balls while walking three. With two out, Corey Chin issued a five-run comeback by dumping a bases-loaded single into center.

Pitcher Lises Doherty settled down, as did the defense, and Sting shut out Clovis over the next five innings.

Meanwhile, Sting continued to peck away. In the fourth, consecutive singles by Smithers, Murakami, Diana Fong, and Kelsey Fredrikson set the stage for Marisa Budlong's go-ahead double.

top three female finishers were June (15th overall), Jenny Wong of Piedmont (27th overall, 38:34), and Becky Krieger of San Jose (31st overall, 39:05). The 2.2-mile top finishers were Vincent Durant of Walnut Creek (14:10),

Robby Thomas of Concord (15:13), and Joe Durant of Walnut Creek (15:17). The top female finisher in the 2.2-mile race, Brooke Bergeson of Walnut Creek (15:52), finished fourth overall.

Three insurance runs in the sixth proved critical when things again got ugly in the seventh. Clovis runners paraded around the bases, with five crossing the plate, before Sara Muse snared a soft pop-up at first to end the game with the tying run aboard.

For the second time this season, Sting won after trailing by eight. Sting improved their season record to 19-6, a stellar winning percentage of .760, better than any major league baseball team.

Chula Vista Bonita Valley All-Stars 10, Sting 0: Sting received a thorough thrashing at the hands of an excellent team. Powerful hitting and dominating pitching has a way of causing trouble. Fredrikson had the lone Sting hit. Bonita Valley won their third game without giving up a run, steam-rolling their opponents 33-0.

Pleasanton Phantom 9, Sting 4: Having faced Phantom twice before in California tournaments and losing both times, Sting knew they were in for a battle. A loss by either team meant the end of the road.

With everything at stake, a confident Sting team held Phantom down

and eked out a 1-0 lead through three innings. Phantom tied the game in the fourth and then the wheels fell off in the fifth and sixth. Phantom batted around each time as all three of Sting's pitchers tried in vain to get things back on track.

Three more Sting runs were not nearly enough. With even the breaks going against them: close plays, running decisions, umpiring calls, it was all too much to overcome.

Nevertheless, the 11 Sting members returned home as happy players, officially the 17th-best team in the western United States. With memories and souvenirs, and cases crammed with scores of shiny team pins, the girls achieved what they set out to do when practice began in the spring. Although their head coach for three years, Angie Goularte, was forced to stay behind, due to an injury to deliver her second child, assistant Parish Placencia capably filled in. Now, all but two players move up a level to 14-under ball, where the hunt begins anew.

—Submitted by Geoff Chin, Albany-Berkeley Sting

Sailing

FROM PAGE 1

That's where Sandberg found his niche.

He had seen too many people buy a sailboat, scare themselves silly trying to man it, and then turn it into a beer-drinking pit-stop one hop short of new ownership.

Sandberg realized he could teach these people how to sail. By owning a fleet of boats, he also could turn non-boat owners into certified sailors.

Larry Ledgerwood of Walnut Creek was one of them.

About 20 years ago, he and his wife decided to take classes after a sailing jaunt. Today, Ledgerwood is in his fourth year as an instructor.

He credits his longevity and the club's appeal to the "magnetism" generated by Sandberg and Jepson.

"Anthony's a connector. He's the nucleus," Ledgerwood said. "He has this fabulous connection to so many wildly eclectic people. No one except Anthony could take a politician and a flame-throwing belly dancer and put them together, but put them in the same place, by giving them a shared experience."

That knack has its roots in Sandberg's overriding philosophy about what makes a person a sailor.

"He's been on big boats and around big money," Ledgerwood said, "but he knows that's not what life is all about."

Sandberg doesn't remember when or even how he learned to sail, largely because he has been on boats, "since I was a babe in arms," he said.

At age 5, he stood on the Waikiki Beach in Honolulu, two blocks from his home, watching the Transpacific Yacht Race. He

marveled at the boats' colors and the deep tones of their crews as the boats finished the week-long journey from Los Angeles to Hawaii. He stood in awe of the champagne parties that followed.

"Even as a 5-year-old," he said, "I knew I belonged there."

At 16, he left his home in Hawaii to sail the Pacific Ocean. After graduating from Dartmouth College — which he attended on a skiing scholarship — he competed in regattas around the world. In his 20s, he skipped yachts for wealthy Europeans, even those who once claimed Aristotle Onassis as a friend.

"It was very sexy being the 25-year-old skipper on a billionaire's yacht," Sandberg said. "But it's kind of like being a life guard. What looks sexy when you're young is not so sexy at 50."

Sandberg traded in his posh lifestyle for service in the Peace Corps. He took an assignment in Nepal, one of the poorest and least developed countries in the world. There, he saw people living in mud huts and surviving on rice.

Hardship, he learned, is all in how you define it.

Living out of his van and forgoing a paycheck, those weren't really hardships in the early days of business.

These days, Sandberg lives in a Berkeley apartment and a farmhouse in Sebastopol. The

boat with which he started his business is long gone.

But remnants of the early days remain. Neighboring the two-story clubhouse sits a fire pit, built with rocks gathered from the shoreline. It was there that Sandberg first cracked open a beer and sat chatting with his students after a lesson on the water.

Some things have changed. Caterers now grill the food outside the clubhouse. The structure for an outdoor deck and theater is in place. Corporations come in droves, using sailing outings in place of traditional training to emphasize teamwork. Sailing as a sport and a social activity, however, still is at the club's core.

Eventually, Sandberg said, he would like the school to be called a sailing resort — complete with a restaurant, locker rooms, a workout room, saunas and child care.

If skiing could do it, why not sailing, too?

He contemplates that thought as he stands on an incline that overlooks the club at his back and the Golden Gate Bridge at his front. He peers out over the bay, quiet for a long moment.

"It's like 6 feet of powder snow," he says and smiles. "My dream before I die is to get more people on the water. Everyone should experience a piece of this."

FISHING REPORT

PACIFIC OCEAN

Robert Gallia of the charter boat El Dorado reports that the Berkeley Salmon Fleet, during the past weekend, continued to mooch in the area from Duxbury buoy to Double Point. Small pockets of anchovies were reported racing throughout Drakes Bay, making long drifts and good scores difficult for the moochers. Skippers who elected to stay the day below the Duxbury reef, though, fared well at the end of the weekend, catching fewer but bigger fish. On Monday and Tuesday the weather settled down and a school of big fish moved into the Bolinas area. All skippers reported solid action of big fish, ranging 15 to 30 pounds, with scores of roughly a fish a rod.

James Smith has had the charter boat California Dawn off the Marin coast, and reports tremendous conditions for rock and ling cod, and improving conditions for halibut. On Wednesday, he reported 25 limits of rock cod (250 fish), 40 ling cod and five halibut up to 20 pounds. On Tuesday, he reported 30 limits of rock fish (300), 21 ling cod, two cabezon and eight halibut. On Monday, his putlock trip brought in 250 rock fish, 20 ling cod, 15 striped bass and two leopard sharks. And on Sunday, anglers reeled in 51 strippers, 29 limits of rock cod (250) and 22 ling cod.

On Saturday, Smith had 22 anglers from Antlers Tavern in Pinole out on a charter putlock trip near Alcatraz and up the Marin Coast, and brought in 22 limits of striped bass (44), 22 limits of rock fish (220), 22 limits of ling cod (44), and four leopard sharks.

Jim Smith on the Happy Hooker also reported a terrific week, with 70 striped bass to 22 pounds for 35 anglers on Saturday and 70 more for 35 anglers on Sunday. On Monday, he had 28 bass for 14 anglers.

THE BAYS
SAN FRANCISCO: Emeryville Sport-fishing.com reported that the Bay Area salmon fleet was still having success rockfishing, with 1016 rockfish for 116 anglers, 99 lings to 17 pounds, 25 halibut to 25 pounds and five strippers to 25 pounds. The boats have been going either to the islands or the Marin coast. The bass are being caught on the reefs or rockies in the central bay. On Sunday, the New Hick Funn went to the islands for 190 rockfish, 40 lings to 20 pounds, six halibut to 12 pounds, one 13-pound striped and 10 cabezon to 7 pounds.

SUISUN: Jordana Santiago of Martinez Bait and Tackle reported an upswing in sturgeon fishing, indicating the possible beginning of the fall sturgeon run. There was not much on the sturgeon front, and there still aren't any bullhead out there. Anchovy is the best bait for now. Mark Liles of San Pablo caught a 30-inch, 13-pound sturgeon in Crockett with anchovy. Steve Burnett of Martinez caught a 23-inch, 5-pound sturgeon from the Martinez pier on anchovy. Erik Crouch of Martinez caught a 21-inch sturgeon on anchovy from the Martinez pier as well. Catfish also are being caught in the east end of the Mottball pier. The only sturgeon reported was caught by Tom Reuter of Alamo. It was 63 inches and 61 pounds, caught on grass shrimp at buoy 2.

THE RIVERS

SACRAMENTO RIVER, REDDING: Kirk Portocarrero of Outdoor Adventures Sport Fishing said that fishing for King Salmon is improving, with some days

better than others. With increasing numbers of salmon passing over the Red Bluff Diversion Dam, the salmon are starting to arrive in larger numbers. Kirk and clients are catching nice kings ranging in size between 15-30 pounds in the Corning area using flatfish and bouncing roe. Fly fishing and drifting for rainbow trout is awesome. Kirk and his clients are producing many nice rainbows from 2-6 pounds drifting between Redding and Anderson in the morning and evenings. Pheasant tail No. 14-6 and micro mayfly nymphs seem to be working well. With a great bug hatch happening now and warm weather expected this week, spin fishing also is good using glo bugs and crickets.

THE DELTA

David Dutra of Gotchall Bait and Tackle in Antioch said that black bass action has been good in the Holland Tract, Big Break and Orwoods areas using nightcrawlers and minnows. Fishing for striped bass has been slow in the Delta and better toward the bay. What few have been caught have been off the Antioch Pier and at Sherman Island on anchovies and sardines. Catfish are still biting on clams, mackerel, chicken liver and G&S Stinkbait at Whiskey Slough, Orwoods and Discovery Bay.

Bluegill are biting on waxworms and red worms at Big Break and Orwoods. Sturgeon have been light, but are still biting on grass and ghost shrimp by the Mottball Pier.

Mark Cain caught five black bass totaling 12 pounds on minnows at Marsh Creek. Adam Spracklin of Oakley caught a 10-pound striped bass on shad at the Antioch pier. Heidi Linder and Ray Guerasso brought in six black bass totaling 14½ pounds on nightcrawlers at Holland Tract. Monte Gabriel of Antioch caught a 6½ pound black bass on minnows at Holland Tract. Eric Soto of Antioch caught a 20-pound leopard shark on anchovies around the Berkeley pier.

THE LAKES

LAKE CHABOT, CASTRO VALLEY: The staff at Lake Chabot reported that fishing has slowed down a little, but fish are still biting. Currently the water level is a little low and also warm. Trout fishing was slow this past week with no trout being reported. The best spot for catch-and-release trout right now is down by the dam. Bass fishing also had a slow week with no bass reported. However, they are jumping all over the lake. Some of the better spots to bass fish are Alder Point and Bass Cove. Anglers are having best results by using crank bait, live worms and Senkos. Catfishing did fairly well, as a couple of limits were brought in by several anglers. The catch of the week was by Ken Kruse of San Lorenzo who landed a 9-pound, 10-ounce catfish with chicken liver back in Bass Cove. Some of the best spots for catfish are back in Bass Cove and Honker Bay right next to the weeds.

LOS VAQUEROS, BRENTWOOD: The staff at Los Vaqueros said the reservoir still ranks slightly better than the average lake in the Bay Area when it comes to trout fishing. That isn't to say you can expect to catch fish at noon on a 100-degree day, but anglers still are taking near limits in the early mornings, even from shore. Try the South Cove and venture farther along the shore toward the rock wall. Use white or rainbow power bait in any form or use the more traditional

al salmon eggs. Both seem to be working well. Limits while trolling are reported, but mostly from 7:30 a.m. to noon. Try using some watermelon lemons. The lightweight flatfish and minnow really well here. Some bass are still being reported near the dam, but nothing outstanding. There are some limited action on catfish. Crawlers working the best. There are a few anglers taking catfish attractant also can be used.

LAKE DEL VALLE, JAMESVILLE: The staff at Lake Del Valle reported fishing for the most part has been slow. There are a few anglers taking bass being taken near the dam. The fish were caught on yellow perch at Heron Bay. Try trolling deep. Bass going to be more widespread in the year so it's hard to predict the location. There is still a very small amount of trout in the lake, but it's hard to locate them. Bass season is great. During the day, the water is lighting to structure in the water. Try throwing a deep water bait or crankbait to locate them. Work that area with a jig or a spinner when the fish start to bite. Trout action has also been good lately in the evening. The fish are being taken on chub and minnows.

SAN PABLO RESERVOIR: The staff at San Pablo Reservoir said trout are biting in the morning, especially in the morning. Recreation area. Rainbow trout. White Power Eggs and nightcrawlers. Marshmallow combobait. Working the best. When larvae go to the bottom, be sure to get into deep water. Trout are biting on nightcrawlers and minnows. Anglers are catching bass starting at about 10:30 a.m. in the morning and then continuing to catch them in the afternoon. The water is a little low and also warm. Trout fishing was slow this past week with no trout being reported. The best spot for catch-and-release trout right now is down by the dam. Bass fishing also had a slow week with no bass reported. However, they are jumping all over the lake. Some of the better spots to bass fish are Alder Point and Bass Cove. Anglers are having best results by using crank bait, live worms and Senkos. Catfishing did fairly well, as a couple of limits were brought in by several anglers. The catch of the week was by Ken Kruse of San Lorenzo who landed a 9-pound, 10-ounce catfish with chicken liver back in Bass Cove. Some of the best spots for catfish are back in Bass Cove and Honker Bay right next to the weeds.

LOS VAQUEROS, BRENTWOOD: The staff at Los Vaqueros said the reservoir still ranks slightly better than the average lake in the Bay Area when it comes to trout fishing. That isn't to say you can expect to catch fish at noon on a 100-degree day, but anglers still are taking near limits in the early mornings, even from shore. Try the South Cove and venture farther along the shore toward the rock wall. Use white or rainbow power bait in any form or use the more traditional

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■ **De Anza High School** — Coaching vacancies for girls water polo, head junior varsity boys and girls volleyball, head junior varsity girls and boys soccer, head varsity and assistant junior varsity softball, head varsity baseball. Send resume to 5000 Valley View Road, Richmond, CA 94803, or fax 510-223-7984 or e-mail DAathletics@aol.com. Jason Krokowski 510-223-3811, ext. 2535.

■ **Kings Valley Christian School** — Coaching vacancies at Concord School for these junior high sports: girls and boys soccer and basketball and boys softball. Ed Daley, 925-567-6570, principal@kvcws.com.

■ **California High School** — Coaching vacancies in the following sports: head varsity and junior varsity boys water polo, head varsity and junior varsity girls tennis. Fred Albano, 925-866-8933, falbano@srusd.k12.ca.us.

■ **Cornerstone Christian High School** — Vacancies for coaching positions for upcoming school year: head/assistant boys basketball coach, assistant girls basketball coach,

head/assistant baseball coach, head/assistant softball coach. Applicants must have Christian ethics. Logan Heyer, 925-754-1241 ext. 335.

■ **Contra Costa Football Officials Association** — Looking for officials to serve high schools and youth sports in the greater Contra Costa area for upcoming season. No experience required, training meetings currently taking place. John Nardi, 925-366-6962. Visit www.cctoaa.com.

■ **Berean Christian High School** — Coaching vacancies for: head boys varsity soccer, head girls JV volleyball, assistant JV football (line), head boys freshman basketball and two assistants, and varsity and JV baseball positions. Applicants must demonstrate Christian character. Craig Lee, 925-945-6464 ext. 25, coachlee@aastound.net.

■ **Laney College** — Looking for assistant baseball coach. Deadline for applications Aug. 15. Contact Francisco Zapata, 510-464-3476, Laney-coaches@yahoo.com.

■ **East Bay Football Officials** — The East Bay Football Officials Association is seeking candidates for the upcoming prep football season. No experience required. Sam Moriana, 510-521-4121, Kevin Reed, 510-235-5249.

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NOW PLAYING

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. Reviewers are: Mary F. Pols, Times; Robert W. Butler, Chris Hewitt, Steven Rea and Bruce Caine, Knight Ridder; Bruce Newman, San Jose Mercury News; David Germain, Christy Lemire, Associated Press; Anita Gates, Dave Kehr, Laura Kim, A.O. Scott and Dana Stevens, New York Times; Jami Bernard and Jack Matthews, New York Daily News; David Kronke, Bob Strauss, Glenn Whipp, Los Angeles Daily News; Carina Chocano, Kevin Cook, Manohla Dargis, Kevin Thomas and Kenneth Turan, Los Angeles Times; Ed Bar, Nancy Churnin, Gary O'Connell, Tom Maustad, Chris Vogner, Philip Wuntch, Dallas Morning News; John Stuart, Newsday; Jay Boyar and Roger Moore, Orlando Sentinel; Carla Kessler, Sacramento Bee; Ty Burr, Wesley Morris, Boston Globe; Curt Hoyle, Ann Hornaday, Stephen Lee, Michael O'Sullivan, Desson Thomson, Washington Post.

"100 NEWS BEARS": A new version of the classic 1976 Walter Matthau film, which needs to be rewatched by every generation, not remade. Billy Bob Thornton is a good choice to play into Matthau's shoes as the misanthropic gruff Morris Buttermaker, and the casting of the kids is almost all right, with the exception of Sammi Kane Kraft in the Tatum O'Neal role. The original was both raucous and funny, but the humor in director Richard Linklater's version is on the brink of bad taste: very "Bad Santa" (in which Thornton also stars). — M. Pols. (PG-13: rude behavior, language throughout, some sexual, thematic elements.) 1 hour, 51 minutes. B-

"BATMAN BEGINS": Director Christopher Nolan supplies the backstory behind not just the Batmobile, but the very psyche of the Caped Crusader. The story starts slowly and inappropriately gets bogged down in psychological drivel before turning into a very dark and fun action movie. Christian Bale is a natural, just weird enough to be the best Batman yet, and the strong supporting cast includes a lovely turn by Michael Caine as the trusted butler Alfred, as well as Morgan Freeman as gadget man Lucius Fox. — M. Pols. (PG-13: intense action violence, disturbing images and some thematic elements.) 2

hours, 10 minutes. B+

"THE BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY": Life in postwar South Vietnam wasn't very good for most people. But it was particularly hard for the children of American servicemen. This film charts the course of one such young man (played by newcomer Damien Nguyen) with sensitivity, some generic hand-wringing and, ultimately, a gentle steeliness. It's one of those specific stories that touches universal notes all the way along. — B. Strauss. (R: violence, children in jeopardy, racism, drug use, sexuality.) 2 hours, 5 minutes. B

"BETWICHED": Disappointing, but what did we expect? The sitcom it's based on was magic in its own time, and though director Nora Ephron, who also directed the script, tries to inject new energy, she's defeated by a plot that has nowhere to go. Moreover, Nicole Kidman, channeling Meg Ryan cuteness and doing a breathy Marilyn Monroe voice, is nowhere near as endearing as our beloved Samantha. Will Ferrell has some fun moments. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some language, including sex and drug references, partial nudity.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. C

"THE BEAT THAT MY HEART SKIPPED": Curiously enough, a French remake of an American film, James Toback's "Fingers," set this time in Paris instead of New York. Roman Duris plays a young slumlord who would prefer to be a concert pianist like his dead mother than a thug like his father (Niels Arestrup). Directed by Jacques Audiard ("Read My Lips"), who has made a more subtle, moving and optimistic film than Toback's original. — M. Pols. (NR) 1 hour, 47 minutes. B+

"BROKEN FLOWERS": We meet middle-aged Don (Bill Murray) as he's being dumped by his live-in lover (Julie Delpy). On the same day, an unsigned letter informs Don that he unknowingly fathered a son 19 years earlier and that the boy may be on a quest to find his father. Don sets off on a cross-country journey to look for the four women he loved and left some 20 years before and to figure out who might have borne him a child. A beautifully acted and intelligent movie that, alas, doesn't work as well as it should. With Sharon Stone, Frances Conroy, Jessica Lange and Tilda Swinton. — M. Pols. (R: lan-

guage, some graphic nudity, brief drug use.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. B

"CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY": Tim Burton's take on Roald Dahl's book is darker, stranger and way cooler than the 1971 Gene Wilder cinematic classic. Visually it's all Burton, a fairy tale come to life. Johnny Depp's Willy Wonka is like a cross between Michael Jackson and Carol Channing, which sounds terrifying, but is instead captivating. A don't-miss summer movie that should live on for decades to come. — M. Pols. (PG: quirky situations, mild language.) 1 hour, 55 minutes. A-

"CINDERELLA MAN": An out-of-season treat. Russell Crowe is in Oscar-worthy form as the humble boxer Jim Braddock, who, like Seabiscuit, provided inspiration for Americans during the Depression. The film was directed by Ron Howard, whose interest in inspiration tends to grate. Yes, this is, like "A Beautiful Mind," an inspirational story, but Howard excels in telling of Braddock's gloomier times; that's the material that sticks and, thankfully, it's never maudlin. Paul Giamatti is winning the role of Braddock's trainer, with Renee Zellweger as the boxer's devoted wife. — M. Pols. (PG-13: intense boxing violence, some language.) 2 hours, 22 minutes. A-

"CRASH": In the course of 24 hours, a group of Los Angeles residents wrestles with the demons of racism. Writer/director Paul Haggis (screenwriter of "Million Dollar Baby") wants to provoke a serious discussion, a noble goal. But the movie is heavy-handed, and, despite some brilliant scenes and strong acting by a great ensemble, is riddled with mistakes, particularly coincidences that border on the absurd. Ultimately, Haggis insults his audience by assuming he has to instruct us on everything about racism, as if merely to be alive in America today weren't already a primer. Still, flows and all, well worth seeing. — M. Pols. (R: language, sexual content, some language.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. B-

"CRONICAS": In this sometimes savvy movie melodrama, John Leguizamo plays Manolo Bonilla, the charismatic star reporter for a tabloid investigative news show. A swaggering little fame-monger ablaze with ambition, Manolo descends with his producer and cameraman on a dirt-

poor Ecuadorian village in time to film an emotional and violent episode. The film explores the ratings-hungry values of tabloid TV, but by the end inches toward the sort of exploitation it condemns. — S. Holden. (R: violence and profanity, in Spanish with subtitles.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. C+

"DARK WATER": Jennifer Connelly stars as a possibly psychologically disturbed woman who has terrifyingly real visions involving demonic plumbing fixtures and floods of Coca-Cola-colored water in her grim apartment building. But her problems run deeper than that. Shortly after mother and daughter move in, Ceci (Ariel Gade) starts having conversations with an imaginary friend. — M. O'Sullivan. (PG-13: language, frightening images, intensity.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. B-

"THE DEVIL'S REJECTS": Rob Zombie's latest — about a white-trash family of homicidal maniacs — is a deafening, repetitive, gratuitous assault, where victims are tortured and blood is shed, all to a Southern-rock soundtrack. Every other word is a four-letter one. All the women are whores, or they're treated like whores, or they just dress like whores. All this is just Zombie — the heavy-metal star turned writer-director — displaying a lack of effort. — C. Lemire. (R: sadistic violence, strong sexual content, language, drug use.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. D-

"THE DUKES OF HAZZARD": Long-time fans of the late-'70s/early-'80s TV show will be comforted to know that the 21st century has done nothing to change that basic scenario here. Good old boy Southerners Bo (Seann William Scott) and Luke (Johnny Knoxville), are still swillin' moonshine, chasing pretty girls and trying to evade the law, while cousin Daisy (Jessica Simpson) still looks divine in short shorts. M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual content, crude and drug-related humor, language, comic action violence.) 1 hour, 37 minutes. C-

"THE EDUKATORS": Even earnest activists will be disappointed by Hans Weingartner's talky, rambling movie, which is light on action and heavy on dialogue. As a "new approach" to confronting corporate wealth, Peter and Jan break into rich people's homes, rearrange the furniture and leave cryptic notes. The boys have big plans for waking up the moneyed

OPENING TODAY

"THE ARISTOCRATS" (NR) Dozens of the country's greatest comedians tell different versions of the same unspeakably filthy joke. Directed by Paul Provenza.

"DEUCE BIGALOW: EUROPEAN GIGOLO" (R) Rob Schneider plays a male prostitute, drawn back into the business to help out his former pimp (Eddie Griffin), wanted for the murders of top European gigolos.

"FOUR BROTHERS" (R) Four brothers set out to avenge their foster mother's murder. From director John Singleton, starring Mark Wahlberg, Tyrese Gibson, Andre Benjamin and Garrett Hedlund.

"THE GREAT RAID" (R) The true story of the daring rescue of 500 World War II POWs from a Japanese camp in the Philippines. With James Franco, Connie Nielsen, Joseph Fiennes and Benjamin Bratt.

"GRIZZLY MAN" (R) Werner Herzog directs this documentary about grizzly-bear lover Timothy Treadwell, who met a most unfortunate end and among his furry friends, along with his girlfriend.

"JUNEBUG" (R) With his sophisticated new wife (Embeth Davidtz), a man (Alessandro Nivola) returns to his North Carolina home to visit his decidedly less sophisticated family.

"9 SONGS" (NR) From director Michael Winterbottom, this is a story of a couple's physical and emotional relationship, interspersed with the rock concerts they attend.

"THE SKELETON KEY" (PG-13) Kate Hudson plays a health care worker who discovers strange things about her new clients, an elderly couple (Gena Rowlands, John Hurt) who live in a crumbling mansion outside of New Orleans.

class. Realizing these goals depends on whether ideology can triumph over hormones, as both are involved with the same girl. — G. Whipp. (R: language, sexuality, drug use, in German with subtitles.) 1 hour, 55 minutes. C

"ENRON: THE SMARTEST GUYS IN THE ROOM": An eye-opening film that puts the whole Enron scandal into focus. One that will likely have you stomping about afterward in righteous indignation at the crimes perpetrated by these corporate swindlers. Cleverly done, too, with a terrific soundtrack. — M. Pols. (NR) 1 hour, 49 minutes. B+

"FANTASTIC FOUR": This big-screen adaptation of the Marvel Comics superhero story line is rarely terrible or memorable. Four astronauts return from space, where they were exposed to cosmic radiation, with new abilities. This film has very little of the epic gravitas or moral complexity that distinguish the best superhero movies. That would be fine if it were an overflowing boatload of fun. But it's not. — C. Vogner. (PG-13: comic book violence, suggestive content.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. C

"FEAR AND TREMBLING": This odd and hilarious tale follows the path of Amelie (Sylvie Testud), a young Belgian woman returning to work as an interpreter for a large corporation in Japan, where she spent her childhood. In her desire to please, she continually runs afoul of Japanese corporate custom. Each time Amelie — and the audience — decides that things can't get any worse, a darkly comic turn proves the fallacy of that belief. — C. Fields. (Not rated; in Japanese and French with subtitles.) 1 hour, 42 minutes. B+

"HAPPY ENDINGS": From director Don Roos ("The Opposite of Sex"), an ensemble dramedy about the reproductive misadventures of a group of connected Angelenos. It's clever and well-acted, but sometimes too precious; Roos relies too much on smarty-pants chapter headings to tell his story. Lisa Kudrow plays an abortion counselor who provides the link between the characters. Tom Arnold is surprisingly touching as a rich guy being suckered by a bad girl, played by Maggie Gyllenhaal. — M. Pols. (R: sexual content, language, some drug use.) 2 hours, 8 minutes. B-

"HERBIE: FULLY LOADED": Lindsay Lohan plays the famed VW Bug's new owner, Maggie Peyton, a recent college graduate with fantasies of being a NASCAR driver. The film floats by on a pleasant cloud of nostalgia, partly for the Herbie some of us loved as kids, partly for the lost youth of Lohan, seen here in all her curvy, red-

headed loveliness before her recent transformation to blond stick figure. — M. Pols. (G) 1 hour, 35 minutes. B-

"HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE": This animated film, which boasts emotional depth and mind-bending visuals, is mostly for adults. But by all means take the kids, even though they may have a hard time following the plot. The wizard Howl (Christian Bale) lives in an ambulatory home with a door that opens into any number of exits, including both sides of an ominously brewing war. Along the way, Howl's haunt picks up a straggler, Sophie (Emily Mortimer), a youngster transformed into an elderly woman who manages to help end the war, and reclaim Howl's lost soul and her own innocence. Other voice artists include Lauren Bacall and Billy Crystal. — D. Kronke. (PG: frightening images, brief mild language.) 1 hour, 58 minutes. B+

"HUSTLE & FLOW": Memphis pimp DJay Terrence Howard, in a career-making performance) dreams of becoming a rap star like his childhood acquaintance (Ludacris). DJay's talent is questionable and his goals unrealistic, but writer/director Craig Brewer sucks us into this world with ease. The marvelous supporting characters include Anthony Anderson and DJ Qualls as fledgling music producers and Taryn Manning and Taraji P. Henson as hookers. Brewer chokes on the predictable ending, but the ride there is so good, it hardly matters. — M. Pols. (R: sex, drug content, pervasive language and some violence.) 1 hour, 54 minutes. B+

"THE ISLAND": The stuff summer movies are made of — big, trashy and overdone, the perfect project for director Michael Bay. But the plot of this science-fiction thriller is engaging. Evan Mcgregor is quite good as a man who learns the terrible truth about his reason for existing, and in the end, this is escapism at its limited but entertaining best. Scarlett Johansson is the love interest. — M. Pols. (R: sex and drug content, pervasive language, some violence.) 2 hours, 7 minutes. B

"LAST DAYS": Gus Van Sant's latest is a pretentious yet oddly riveting look at the end of Kurt Cobain's life. The lead character is named Blake, but it's the late Nirvana lead singer and the mystery surrounding his suicide are clearly the inspiration. With Michael Pitt ("The Dreamers") as the singer. — C. Lemire. (R: language, some sexual content.) 1 hour, 37 minutes. C

"LILA SAYS": Chimo, the young Arab Frenchman in director Ziad Doueiri's

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FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

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romantic drama, tells us his life is changed when he meets Lila, a blond sexpot who is "hot enough to provoke wars." In this respect, Doueiri's second movie recalls the naughtily-mindedness of 1998's "West Beirut," his earlier and much better coming-of-age yarn. Otherwise, this is an underdeveloped exercise in carnal awakening that thinks its characters are far more special than they ever prove to be. — W. Morris. (Not rated; strong sexual situations; in French with subtitles.) 1 hour, 26 minutes. C-

"MADAGASCAR": DreamWorks' latest computer-animation suffers from narrative and character malnutrition, but has enough wordplay, visual gags and character nonsense to keep us chuckling and occasionally roaring. A hippo, giraffe and lion give chase when their friend Marty the zebra (Chris Rock) escapes the Central Park Zoo. They wind up washed ashore on a tropical island, where they befuddle a tribe of partying lemurs and face Alex the lion's emerging carnivorous instincts. — R. Butler. (PG: mild language, crude humor and some thematic elements.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. C+

"MAD HOT BALLROOM": This documentary follows several teams of pre-adolescent student dancers from New York as they train for the nerve-racking competition that caps the American Ballroom Theater's "Dancing Classrooms" program. There's inherent drama built into any contest, and the filmmakers make the most of the fact — without milking it for cheap sentiment — that there will not just be winners, but losers. — M. O'Sullivan. (PG: some mild references to sex and violence.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. B+

"MA MERE": Isabelle Huppert plays Helene, who spends each night in a nihilistic blur of sex with whomever she can find at the local clubs. Never mind that she has an elderly husband and a 17-year-old son, Pierre, a dark, leonine, Oedipal wreck. Probably not for anyone not interested in the darkest corners of the human psyche, where all moral bets are off, and where a boy's worst friend is his mother. — T. Burr. (NC-17: nudity, graphic sex, incest, sadomasochism; in French with subtitles.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. B

"MARCH OF THE PENGUINS": A stunningly beautiful documentary about the mating habits of Emperor penguins. Makes you feel like a kid again — curious, excited and enraptured by a story that has nothing to do with humans, not to mention Morgan Freeman narrating in his soothing, rich-as-caramel voice. The only unfortunate aspect is the way director Luc Jacquet anthropomorphizes the birds, incorporating human ideals of love into the screenplay. It's unnecessary; the remarkable story of the penguins can more than stand alone. Still, this is the perfect family movie. — M. Pols. (G) 1 hour, 20 minutes. B+

"ME AND YOU AND EVERYONE WE KNOW": A deliberately quirky romance about a sad-sack divorced shoe salesman (John Hawkes) and the video performance artist (Miranda July) who falls for him. Equal attention is paid to story lines involving his children and their friends, which infuses the movie with charm and comedy. July writes and directs as well, and she's a considerable talent, especially when it comes to getting naturalistic performances out of children. However, some may find her style too precious, and others will (rightly) challenge the tastefulness of a subplot involving Internet sex chat. — M. Pols. (R: disturbing sexual content involving children, and for language.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B

"MR. & MRS. SMITH": Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie face off in this high-gloss, high-caliber domestic squabble. Husband and wife are both assassins, but it's only after John Smith tries to kill the same bad guy his wife is gunning for that they learn each other's secret. The great screen chemistry between Pitt and Jolie and the movie's treatment of

marriage as the ultimate form of combat makes it the entertaining bauble it is. — B. Newman. (PG-13: violence, sex, partial nudity.) 1 hour, 59 minutes. B

"MURDERBALL": The ferocity of competition in this gripping sports documentary on wheelchair rugby trumps anything you'll find on reality TV. A synthesis of basketball, hockey and rugby, the sport is played by quadriplegic men, many disabled by catastrophic accidents during the prime of life. Based on a magazine article by Dana Adam Shapiro, who co-directed the movie, "Murderball" is almost as tough as the relentlessly combative players it profiles. — S. Holden. (R: abundant profanity and frank sex talk.) 1 hour, 26 minutes. A-

"MUST LOVE DOGS": Diane Lane, the patron saint of women over 35, plays a divorcee reluctantly stepping back into the dating world. John Cusack and Dermot Mulroney are her suitors. One glance at the movie's poster gives away the victor. There's some charming material in here about mature romance, but also a lot of typical romantic comedy drizzle, including one pointless slapstick scene Lane should have flatly refused to do on the grounds that it insults her intelligence and ours. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some sexual content.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. C

"MY SUMMER OF LOVE": A rich girl and a working-class girl from Yorkshire spend a steamy summer falling in love. We know this coming-of-age story likely won't result in a happily-ever-after, but the joy in Pawel Pawlikowski's film is in the unpredictable performances of the luminous Sissy Spacek look-alike Natalie Press as the tough Yorkshire teen and the haughty Emily Blunt as the privileged Tamsin. — M. Pols. (R: sexual-ity, language and some drug use.) 1 hour, 26 minutes. B+

"NINA'S TRAGEDIES": Nadav (Aviv Eliezer), this film's besotted 14-year-old hero, narrates the recent events of his family's life, in which he details his obsession with his mother's pretty younger sister, Nina. The problem is that his voice-over tells us everything, so the action, when it unfolds, seems redundant. The movie hops from one episode to the next, with no momentum and no reason to care about these people. — W. Morris. (Not rated; in Hebrew with subtitles.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. C-

"NOVEMBER": A psychological thriller about a woman (Courteney Cox) whose boyfriend (James LeGros) gets killed during a convenience store robbery. She's plagued by guilt, headaches and possibly hallucinations. We see different versions of what happened, until we get to the truth... which is that writer Benjamin Brant is a little too inspired by the recent works of David Lynch. Cox succumbs in breaking out of her Monica Geller-Bing persona largely by giving an inoffensive, flat performance. — M. Pols. (R: violence, some language.) 1 hour, 20 minutes. C

"RIZE": A documentary about the evolution of a dance form in South Central Los Angeles. Spawned by the Rodney King riots, "clowning" and its offshoot, "krumping," are aggressive, angry, sexual and phenomenally energetic. But fashion photographer David LaChapelle treats it too superficially, leaving unanswered questions about its practitioners in favor of long stretches of nothing more than recorded movement. — M. Pols. (PG-13: suggestive content, drug references, language and brief nudity.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. B-

"SARABAND": Ingmar Bergman has failed to make good on his promise to retire for close to 20 years now, and aren't we grateful. A very tangential sequel to "Scenes From a Marriage," the movie is a chamber piece in which the couple from the 1973 film and TV series, Liv Ullmann's Marianne and Erland Josephson's Johan, concede most of the emotional spotlight to younger generations. As ever with Bergman, it is the actors' faces that leave the most indelible impressions. — B. Strauss. (R: nudity, language; in Swedish with subtitles.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. A

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DANCE

ASHKENAZ — Swamp Coolers, Aug. 13, 9 p.m. Cajun dance lesson at 8 p.m. \$13 general; \$11 students.
Café Belle, Aug. 14, 7:30 p.m. Belly-dance lesson at 6:30 p.m. \$10.
Courtaleau, Aug. 17, 8:30 p.m. Cajun dance lesson at 8 p.m. \$9.
Swingthing, Aug. 17, 9 p.m. Swing dance lesson at 8 p.m. \$9.
1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. (510) 525-5054 or www.ashkenaz.com.

LA PENA CULTURAL CENTER — Chti "La Gallard" and Ethan "Canasta" Margolis, Aug. 20, 8 p.m. Flamenco music and dance. \$22 to \$25.
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1011 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 849-2568 or www.shattuckdownlow.com.

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EXHIBITS

ACCI GALLERY — "2005 New Member Show," July 15 through Aug. 12. This annual exhibit features works by the gallery's newest artists.
Free. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 843-2527 or www.accigallery.com.

ALAMEDA ART CENTER — "Contemporary Abstracts," Aug. 5 through Aug. 25. A national juried exhibit featuring 60 artworks chosen from throughout the United States.

Canada and the Virgin Islands.
"If Walls Could Talk These Would Curse," Aug. 5 through Aug. 25. An exhibit of mixed-media on paper works by East Oakland artist Phonic Three Bomber aka John Middle Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 1701 Webster St., Alameda. (510) 748-7888 or www.alamedaart-center.org.

CRAFT AND CULTURAL ARTS GALLERY

"More Than Expected," July 18 through Aug. 26. An exhibit of works by 30 printmakers in both printmaking and sculpture, encaustic, digital art, collage, handmade paper, acrylics, oil and artists' books. Presented by the California Society of Printmakers.
Free. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. State of California Office Building, 1515 Clay St., Oakland. (510) 622-8190 or www.oaklandculturalarts.org.

CREATIVE GROWTH ART CENTER — "Dialogues," July 21 through Aug. 26. An exhibit chronicling recent collaborative work between the center's artists with disabilities and contemporary visual artists.
Free. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 355 24th St., Oakland. (510) 835-2340 X15 or www.creative-growth.org.

GIORGIO GALLERY — "Luminance," Aug. 12 through Sep. 4. A group exhibit featuring abstract, realistic, expressionist and op art works by 10 women artists.

Receptions, Aug. 13, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Aug. 18, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Free. Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2911 Channing Ave., Berkeley. (510) 848-1228 or www.giorgi-gallery.com.

HALL OF PIONEERS GALLERY

"Oakland Chinatown Pioneer." Ongoing. Twelve showcases, each in one of the historic buildings, each in one of the historic buildings, each in one of the historic buildings.
Free. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Chinese Garden, 1515 Clay St., Oakland. (510) 848-1228 or www.hallpioneers.com.

KALA ART INSTITUTE

"Residency Projects: 2004-2005." Ongoing. A series of residencies, each in one of the historic buildings, each in one of the historic buildings, each in one of the historic buildings.
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"Original Paintings by Peruvian." Ongoing. A series of paintings, each in one of the historic buildings, each in one of the historic buildings, each in one of the historic buildings.
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Free Wednesday and Thursday, 11
a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to 5
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Kahn's Alley, Oakland (510) 637-
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chaeological work planned to explore
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"African American Quilters' Guild of Oak-
land, Aug. 1 through Aug. 31. An ex-
hibit of colorful quilts by members of
the guild.
Free, Tuesday, 12:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.;
Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday,
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"Fresh Starts, Free Choices: The Jews
of Alameda County," June 13
through Oct. 4. An exhibit exploring
the historic contributions of Jewish
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tographs, books, periodicals and
ephemeral materials. In the Oakland
History Room.

Free, Monday, Tuesday and Saturday,
10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday
and Thursday, noon to 8 p.m.; Friday,
noon to 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to
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OLIVE HYDE ART GALLERY —
"Olive Hyde Art Guild 'Members Only'"
Show, July 8 through Aug. 13. A
group art exhibit.
Free Thursday through Sunday, noon
to 5 p.m., 123 Washington Blvd., Fre-
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RICHMOND ART CENTER —
"Vigilante Entires," June 21 through
Aug. 15. An exhibit of sculptural in-
stallations and drawings by Ben Diller.
"Drawing the Artist Within," June 21
through Aug. 15. An exhibit of art-
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with the Expressive Arts Component
of the West County Day Treatment
Center in Richmond.
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Four artists collaborate in this multi-
media installation re-imagining the
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Checklist," June 21 through Aug. 15.
An installation of video, paintings
and drawings by Jennifer K. Wofford.
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Aug. 15. An exhibit of paintings, jew-
elry, screen prints and ceramics by
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Free, Tuesday through Sunday, noon to
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(510) 620-6772 or www.richmond-
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a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to
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ries of local Richmond residents from
Central America through multi-media
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"Old Tales," June 29 through Sep. 25.
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Mountain Blvd., Oakland, (510) 339-
0248.

THELMA HARRIS ART GALLERY —
"Seven Women Artists," Aug. 13 through
Sept. 23. The annual exhibit show-
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and contemporary artists. This year's
featured works by Jamaican
artist Gene Pearson and visual
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Reception, Aug. 19, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Free, Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m.
to 6 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 5 p.m.
5940 College Ave., Oakland, (510)
654-0443 or www.thelmaharrisart-
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der regions between North and
South during the Civil War. The ex-
hibit features artifacts, archival docu-
ments, broadsides, ephemera, litho-
graphs and photographs.

"Trying to Find My Way Home: A Black
Male Speaks of the Father," through
Sept. 24. An exhibit of large-scale
mixed-media works by Milton
Bowers that explore the stereotypes
and urban myths associated with the
absent African-American male, the
separation of the family and the con-
sequences for the community.

Free, Tuesday through Saturday, noon
to 5:30 p.m., 659 14th St., Oakland.
(510) 637-0200 or http://www.oak-
landlibrary.org/AAMLO/index.html.

ALAMEDA MUSEUM — The museum
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dent artwork as well as souvenirs,
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tory of the island city.

Free, Wednesday through Friday, 1:30
p.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to
4 p.m.; Sunday, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.
2324 Alameda Ave., Alameda, (510)
521-1233 or
www.alamedamuseum.org.

**BADH MUSEUM AT THE PACIFIC
SCHOOL OF RELIGION** — The mu-
seum's collections include the Tell
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beh in Palestine in 1926 and 1935 by
William Badh, and the Howell Bible
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ing from the 15th through the 18th
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"Wholly Grace," through Sept. 29. A
solo exhibit of clay works by Susan
Duhon Felix.

Artist Talks, Aug. 16, noon and Sept. 4,
3 p.m.
Free, Tuesday and Thursday, 10:30
a.m. to 3 p.m., Holbrook Hall, Pacific
School of Religion, 1788 Scenic Ave.,
Berkeley, (510) 848-0528 or
http://bade.psr.edu/bade.

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Free, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.
to 4 p.m., Meiklejohn Hall, Fourth
Floor, 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd., Hay-
ward, (510) 885-3104, (510) 885-7414
or www.isis.csuehbay.edu/ce-
smith/acesmith.html.

EBONY MUSEUM OF ARTS — A mu-
seum specializing in the art and his-
tory of Africa. The collection that was
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London Village branch has been in-
corporated with the material in the
14th Street Victorian Museum build-
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1034 14th St., Oakland, (510) 763-
0141.

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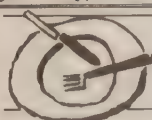
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THE DINING GUIDE

Featured Menu

SUNDAY BRUNCH 11:30-2:00

- Seared Ahi, assorted baby lettuces, wonton crisps, wasabi crème fraîche 13.
- Two eggs any style, toast, bistro skillet potatoes 11.
- Broiled rib eye, salmon or Black Forest ham steak and eggs any style, toast, bistro skillet potatoes 17.
- Corned beef hash with eggs any style 15.
- Fluffy omelet with mushrooms, ham, jack cheese, bistro skillet potatoes 13.
- Shrimp omelet Morney, bistro skillet potatoes 14.
- Tuscan benedict, poached eggs over English muffin, prosciutto, tomato, hollandaise 15.
- Bistro French toast, caramelized exterior, fruit salad, maple syrup 12.
- Caesar salad, grilled chicken, roasted croutons, Parmesan Reggiano 14.

Sides

Colorful fruit salad 4. Toast 3. Bistro Skillet Potatoes 4. 1 egg 3. Soft drinks 2. Coffee 2.50 Juices 3. Mimosa 7. Bloody Mary 7.

* A \$2 charge will be added for split items from the kitchen.

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Char grilled spinach salad, endive, almonds, toasts, lemon dressing 6.

Bistro Caesar, roasted croutons, parmesan Reggiano, anchovies 7.

Field greens, pears, gorgonzola, walnuts, balsamic vinaigrette 7.

Champagne potato leek bisque, chives 6.

Entrees

Roasted breast of chicken, prosciutto, sage, gruyere, pan jus 16.

Blackened Pacific salmon kabob, sautéed greens, organic tomato and citrus vinaigrettes, corn polenta 17.

Bistro Black Angus Delmonico steak, truffled bordelaise, spinach, Colbert butter, 21.

Panko crusted sole, wasabi beurre blanc, greens, Jasmine rice, trio of tobiko caviars 17.

Summer ratatouille-succotash of roasted corn and vegetables in season, steamed rice 14.

Braised beef Bourguignon, caramelized onions, assorted mushrooms, greens, steamed rice 14.

Bistro Caesar, roasted croutons, parmesan Reggiano, anchovies, choice of chicken breast or blackened salmon kabob 14.

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El Caballo

891B Island Drive (Harbor Bay Island), Alameda, (510) 521-4032

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Katsu Sushi

1465 Webster Street, Alameda, (510) 749-8461

West Alameda's newest restaurant, Katsu Sushi, invites guests to an upscale dining experience with classic simplicity. Chef Sung Kim prepares all dishes from scratch and seafood is brought in fresh, directly from Japan. The menu is extensive, ranging from an extraordinary selection of sushi and sashimi, Udon/Soba, Donburi (over rice dishes), to pasta and an impressive variety of sake. Architect Duk Lee has created a dramatic backdrop for guests, marrying modern art with traditional design elements. Attention to even the most minor aesthetic detail is also mirrored in the elegant presentation of Katsu's dishes, offerings that as much a work of art to the palate as to the eye. *Katsu is open for lunch M-S from 11:30am to 2:30pm and open for dinner every day from 5-9:30pm. Reservations recommended.*

Montclair Bistro

6118 Medau Place, Montclair Village, (510) 482-8282

Chief Henry Vortriede's philosophy of his restaurant, Montclair Bistro, is Merix Cuisine, which he finds is "a synergy between the food on the table, the art on the walls, and the ambience of the restaurant. The result is a feeling of comfort and harmony between the food and the surroundings". The Bistro's cuisine is Creative California with a French Flare and offers gourmet delicacies for even the most discriminating palate. The dining experience is enhanced with a full bar and more than 150 wines and Vintage Ports. *Montclair Bistro offers lunch, dinner, Happy Hour and Sunday Brunch. Please visit our ad for hours of operation. Reservations are recommended but not required. Visit www.montclairbistro.com*

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300 - 29th Avenue, Oakland (510) 261-1621

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THE GREAT RAID, which co-stars Freddie Joe Farnsworth, James Franco and Benjamin Bratt, is set in 1945 and focuses on a mission to rescue POWs from a prison camp.

'Great Raid' is best as a history lesson

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

"The Great Raid" is proof that a war story doesn't guarantee an equally compelling movie. Director John Dahl's main achievement here is not cinematic, but rather historical: It will introduce new generations to a chapter of War World II history that deserves more attention than it has gotten.

The movie is set in 1945, when the brutal war in the Pacific was winding down. General MacArthur has returned to the Philippines, the country he fled in 1942 under Japanese attack. About 70,000 American and Filipino troops were left behind. Many of them died on the 65-mile Bataan Death March, others in POW camps.

When MacArthur returns three years later, only 500 POWs are still alive and being held in a camp at Marikina. It's understood that the Japanese plan to execute them. American forces draw near, so stealth and speed are essential if they are to be rescued. After three years, the prisoners are emaciated, demoralized. Their commanding officer is Major Gibson (Joseph Fiennes), barely weakened from malnutrition and malaria. What keeps him going is the need to put on a strong face for his men and his as yet unrequited love for Margaret (Connie Nielsen), a Catholic nurse who helps smuggle medicine to the prisoners. Leading the secret mission is

REVIEW

- **WHAT:** "The Great Raid"
- **STARRING:** Benjamin Bratt, James Franco, Connie Nielsen, Joseph Fiennes
- **RATING:** R (strong war violence, brief language)
- **RUNNING TIME:** 2 hours, 12 minutes
- **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters
- **GRADE:** C+
- **ONLINE:** See the movie trailer for "The Great Raid" at CostaTimes.com

Lt. Colonel Henry Mucci (Benjamin Bratt), a cigar-chomping egotist. He's appointed recent Stanford graduate Captain Robert Prince (James Franco) to come up with a strategy to slip past much greater Japanese forces and rescue these poor souls. Prince has no combat experience, but he's got common sense. And unlike Mucci, he's smart enough to know to accept an offer of help from some Filipino guerrillas.

"The Great Raid" is an old-fashioned feel — that is, old-fashioned in a musty way. The Japanese soldiers and officers are all vilified as cruel and cold-hearted. At times the film appears to have been given a sepiat tint, which only heightens the awkward sense of artificiality. Mucci and Prince sound like characters out of an old movie when they talk;

their dialogue feels scripted, not organic. And it doesn't help that Franco is dull and Bratt only looks like a leading man.

The same is true of the conversations between Gibson and his best buddy in the prison camp, the volatile Redding (Marlon Csoaks), who watches over Gibson as tenderly as he might a newborn babe. The difference is that Csoaks, a chameleon of an actor last seen in "The Bourne Supremacy" and "Kingdom of Heaven," manages to sell us on Redding's devotion. One minute you're thinking, geez, this sounds like cheesy buddy talk out of an old John Wayne movie. The next, you're thinking, yeah, but I believe it. That's no mean feat, considering that Fiennes is so unbearably dramatic. It's as if "Shakespeare in Love" had set the tone for his whole career; he can only play divas now.

He and Nielsen have virtually no scenes together, and it's a good thing — her Margaret is so charismatic and adult, we can't imagine her wasting time with this pouty boy-man. Their love story feels manufactured in part because it was; Margaret is a composite of various women who worked with the Filipino underground.

But once the actual raid begins, the film's pace picks up considerably. We end up absorbed in a story we could have walked away from a half-hour before. Dahl, who is best known for his stylish noir films "Red Rock West" and "The Last Seduction," takes a very

straightforward approach. The action doesn't seem staged, nor does Dahl cut wildly back and forth the way so many directors do when confronted with creating war action. Rather, he lets the raid unfold almost in real time, so that we almost feel as if we're there, experiencing those strange moments of quiet amid the confusion of combat.

Tellingly, the most memorable moments of "The Great Raid" are the last few, when Dahl rolls documentary footage and still photographs of the real prisoners of war and their triumphant return to the United States, disembarking at San Francisco's Ferry Building. To see those real faces, thin, worn, jubilant, is a truly moving experience, much more so than the dramatic re-creation Dahl has given us.

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AUDITIONS

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Berkeley Repertory Theatre — "A Midsummer Night's Dream," 13 years and younger, for productions of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "Comedy on the Edge." Sept. 10 and 11 at Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2071 Addison St., Berkeley. Prepare 16 bars of a song and movement component. Appointment: 510-868-3275 or berkeleyrep.org.

Castille Youth Singers — Auditions for fall enrollment for all levels of singers, Aug. 17 and 18. Students are asked to sing a song of their choosing. Foothills Congregational Church, 1651 Orange Ave., Los Altos. Appointment: 650-424-1410 or www.castille.org.

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Las Positas College — "Nickel and Dimed," 7-9:30 p.m. Aug. 24 and 25, 3033 Collier Canyon Road, Livermore. Bring short prepared monologue. Performances Nov. 11-20. 925-424-1166 or kross@laspositascollege.edu.

Missouri Street Theatre — "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 27 and 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 3. All roles open; prepare 32 bars of uptempo song. Appointment: 707-422-1598.

Moving Arts Dance — Open auditions for two pre-professional dance companies, Momentum and JazzCo, throughout August. SOLAD Dance Center, 2260 Oak Grove Road, Walnut Creek. Appointment: 925-938-3390.

Oakland Youth Orchestra — Final round of auditions for upcoming season for musicians ages 13-22, through August. To request application, e-mail Manager@oyo.org or 510-832-7710.

Ohlone College — "The Laramie Project," 6-9 p.m. Aug. 22 and 23. Cold readings or prepared monologues. Individuals interested in design, publicity, special effects or production are encouraged to call or visit. Smith Center, 43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont. 510-659-6207.

OnStage Theatre — "Archie," 7:30 p.m. Aug. 22 and 23, 2050 Oak Park Blvd., Pleasant Hill. Looking for one girl age 14, one woman, five men ages 30 to late 50s. Read from script. 925-837-3276.

Pittsburg Community Theatre — "Arsenic and Old Lace," 7-9:30 p.m. Aug. 15 and 16. Pittsburg United Methodist Church, 153 W. Leland St., Pittsburg. 925-439-PLAY.

Pleasant Hill Haunted House — Need 50 teenage volunteers for various production duties, including planning, acting, lighting and sound. 1-3 p.m. Sept. 10 at Pleasant Hill Park's Teen Center, 147 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill. 925-682-0896.

Role Players Ensemble Theatre — "Red Hot & Cole," 7 p.m. Aug. 18 233 Front St., Danville. Showcase of Cole Porter. By appointment. 925-820-1278.

San Francisco Girls Chorus — Seeking girls ages 7-12 for East Bay

Chorus School Program, Aug. 27 by appointment. Mormon Temple Interstate Program, 4780 Lincoln Ave., Oakland. Program provides training in vocal technique, sight-singing, study skills and music theory. Tuition assistance based on financial need is available. East Bay choruses rehearse in Oakland. 415-863-1752, Ext. 321.

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Town Hall Theatre Company — "Peter and Wendy," Sept. 25, Town Hall Theatre, 3535 School St., Lafayette. Travel stipend for traveling from outside Contra Costa County. Appointment: 925-283-6673. Visit www.thtc.org.

UC Alumni Chorus — Comprised primarily of alumni, faculty, staff and grad students, the chorus will hold auditions beginning Aug. 22 on Mondays from 7:30-10 p.m. on the UC Berkeley campus. 510-643-9645 Ext. 2; http://ucac.net.

Jazz

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Jazz Piano Book and The Jazz Theory Book, and was nominated for a Grammy award last year.

The 2005 Downtown Berkeley Jazz Festival will also feature daily noon concerts at the Berkeley BART Station, and related events such as a film at Landmark's Act 1 & 2 Theatres and poetry readings at the Berkeley Public Library, including a reading by California Poet Laureate Ai Young.

A "Latin percussion petting zoo" where novices can learn to play a variety of percussion instruments, including congas, bongos and timbales, is also on the program. It will be held at the Berkeley BART Station plaza from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday.

"I thought I'd like to celebrate Berkeley," Muscarella said of the event.

Arts & Leisure

Friday, August 12, 2005



J.B. ALDERMAN
On DVDs

It's not too late to join 'Entourage'

ENTOURAGE: THE COMPLETE FIRST SEASON

I'M NOT the brightest bulb in the pack, which means I ignored my wife as she was urging me to sit with her and watch the first season of HBO's Hollywood insider comedy hit "Entourage" when it aired last year. But like all late bloomers, I've finally come round and am soaking up every episode of the currently airing second season.

If you too committed this sin and are just now learning the pleasures of Johnny Drama (Kevin Dillon) and Ari Gold (Jeremy Piven), fear not: All of the episodes from the first season are available on DVD. Rent the discs and see what you've been missing. (NR: sex and language). 4 hours.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 3 stars

Kids: 1½ stars

Teens: 3½ stars

Adults: 3 stars

Seniors: 2 stars

Should you rent it? Yes — Witty look at the life of a Hollywood star and his circle of cronies.

THE BALLAD OF JACK AND ROSE

Set in 1986 on an East Coast island and populated with idealistic hippies living off the land, "Jack and Rose" jolted me straight back to my days as an undergraduate at College of the Atlantic in Maine. The nostalgia for my days surrounded by people who made their own hemp clothing quickly faded as this DVD became mired in clichés.

Written and directed by Rebecca Miller (wife of the film's star Daniel Day-Lewis), the DVD tries to be a moving portrayal of an unnaturally close relationship between a dying father and his teenage daughter. But it fails. The weak script left me disliking the characters and wishing them all ill. Some high school students may relate to the angst teens in the DVD, but for the rest of us it's not worth watching. (R: language and sex). 1 hour and 52 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 2 stars

Kids: ½ star

Teens: 3½ stars

Adults: 2 stars

Seniors: 1 star

Should you rent it? No — Depressing without a purpose.

DEAR FRANKIE

Sweet is the best way to describe this little film set in Scotland about a deaf boy who longs for contact with his seafaring father. Yes, this is another DVD out of the UK that features permanently gray skies and characters who live hardscabble lives. If you like these kinds of "bangers and mash" movies — and I do — then you'll be pleased with this DVD.

Terrific performances by Emily Mortimer and Jack McElhone make "Dear Frankie" a charming winner. Moms will relate to the film for its touching look at what one mother does to make her son happy. The DVD's language didn't offend me, and it's fine for kids as young as 10. (PG-13: language). 1 hour and 45 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 3 stars

Kids: 2 stars

Teens: 2 stars

Adults: 3 stars

Seniors: 3 stars

Should you rent it? Yes — Endearing mother/son love story.

J.B. Alderman lives in Berkeley and can be reached via PhDVD.com.



Sand, water and imagination



SAND SCULPTOR Kirk Rademaker, top, combines precision tools with lots of patience to create detailed castles. His work never fails to attract attention, above.

Sculptor creations from tiny grains make big impression

By Peggy Spear
STAFF WRITER

THIS MAY COME as a surprise, but the most important ingredient in creating the perfect sandcastle isn't

sand. It's water. "With enough water, you can get even the worst sand to work for you," says Oakland's Kirk Rademaker.

As possibly the Bay Area's only professional sand sculptor, Rademaker knows his sand and he makes a living from an office most of us could only dream of: the beach of the Pacific Ocean.

In fact, he says he knows

TRY YOUR HAND AT SAND

Are you heading to the beach this month and planning some sandcastle fun? We want to see it. Snap a digital photo of your sand sculpture, and e-mail it to Peggy Spear at pspear@cctimes.com by Aug. 29. We will run a "photo gallery" on Sept. 3.

"every beach from Big Sur to Bodega," and he certainly has his favorites for building sand sculptures: Pajaro Dunes south of Santa Cruz, and Doran Beach in Sonoma County.

He discovered his calling in

1997 during a "bad spell" in his life.

"I would go to Stinson Beach to just be by myself, and to sort things out," he says. "I started building sandcastles, and it was amazing how therapeutic that could be."

The best thing, he says, is that it's a social activity. "Everybody came up and talked to me about what you're building, so I didn't feel as lonely."

He found other sand enthusiasts, and became part of a network of sculptors who participate in sandcastle competitions worldwide. He discovered that he was able to tap into a market of people who wanted to pay for

the chance to learn how to build sandcastles. Add to that kids' birthday parties, corporate team-building events and educational programs, and he'd sculpted a living for himself.

He's also reaped some unexpected benefits along the way, doing private parties for Hollywood stars, as well as holiday events for the LucasFilm folks.

On this sunny Friday, he isn't on a beach but outside the Lawrence Hall of Science in the Berkeley hills, crafting a 5-foot castle as part of a weekend program. Just as he said, the activity draws curious onlookers of all ages. The castle is halfway finished, but already it has

the younger crowd would be the one from "Beauty and the Beast?" asks one young person. "Neither — it's from imagination," Rademaker says.

But believe it or not, he doesn't enjoy making castles. He prefers elaborate structures, but decided that he had to have something at hand — which was a sort of rocky — could be better use as a medium. "I'm a sand snob," he says. "But I make it work."

Spoken like a true artist. Reach Peggy Spear at 8241 or pspear@cctimes.com.

Berkeley's downtown poised for debut of jazz festival

■ More than 40 events are scheduled throughout downtown locales

By Dorothy Vriend
CORRESPONDENT

The sounds of Latin jazz will be everywhere next week as the Downtown Berkeley Jazz Festival makes its debut Thursday through Sunday, with an opening celebration scheduled for Wednesday evening.

This jazz festival is the brainchild of Susan Muscarella, founder of The Jazzschool, which opened in 1997 and moved to its current location on Addison Street in 2002.

"This gives me an opportunity to work on two of my fa-

IF YOU GO

■ **WHAT:** Downtown Berkeley Jazz Festival

■ **WHEN:** Aug. 18-21

■ **WHERE:** Various Berkeley locations. For a full schedule of events for the 2005 Downtown Berkeley Jazz Festival, go to www.jazzschool.com or call 510-845-5373 for more information.

vorite things: promoting downtown Berkeley and promoting jazz," Muscarella said.

More than 40 events are scheduled throughout downtown locales such as Anna's Jazz Island, the Downtown Restaurant, La Note Restaurant, the Shattuck Down Low Lounge and Jupiter. Scheduled performers include jazz pianist

Mark Levine, guitarist Mimi Fox, trombonist Wayne Wallace, singer Maria Marquez, percussionist John Santos, keyboardist Marcos Silva and pianist Rebecca Mauleon.

Levine, who will be performing at The Jazzschool at 8 p.m. Aug. 20, and conducting a workshop there at 4 p.m., said the jazz scene in Berkeley has grown tremendously in recent years. Levine said it has not only grown but found a neighborhood to identify with in downtown Berkeley. The scene developed around The Jazzschool and the Downtown Restaurant on Addison Street, which features jazz and blues performers Tuesdays through Sundays; Anna's Jazz Island

just east of Shattuck Avenue on Allston Way; and other nearby venues.

"I lived in Berkeley from 1974 to 1992 or 1993. There was a jazz scene at the time, composed mostly of funky clubs that nobody enjoyed playing," Levine said. "They had terrible pianos, terrible club owners and lousy money. The jazz scene was not a healthy one. Now it has coalesced into this situation where people all around the country are talking about it."

Levine teaches jazz piano and songwriting at the Jazzschool during the fall semester and also performs there. He has written two well-received books on jazz education, The



MARIA MARQUEZ performs with the Mana Marquez Quintet at the Downtown Restaurant on Addison Street at 8 p.m. Aug. 20.

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Section D

The 2005 Chevrolet Malibu Maxx is loaded with quality features

BY TOM KEANE
MOTOR MATTERS

The 2005 Chevrolet Malibu Maxx is nothing like the Malibu of old. Numerous changes inside and out of this four-door sedan have maximized its desirability.

The most obvious is the crisp design of the body. The Maxx now has a wider stance and the entire front seems to suggest more strength. Unlike the previous Malibu, the new version projects the image of an upscale European car.

The impression was not misleading, as there is something about the interior that reiterates quality and strength. This is surprising, as the Malibu Maxx is not an expensive vehicle. My tester's base price was just \$21,360. With a few options, it lists for \$24,240. Incidentally, there are two versions of the Malibu and the Malibu Maxx. My tester was the Maxx LS.

This is a five-door sedan. From the driver's seat forward, I'm told that the two versions are identical. But from the B pillar to the rear, the Maxx has a wheelbase that's longer. While the length is about the same, the additional wheelbase provides a more spacious interior for a car its size.

The extra space allows various uses of the interior. I could fold the 60/40-folding-rear seat along with the fold-down front seat and was capable of hauling items loaded through the rear. Yet with the seatbacks in the upright position, a passenger could sit in my comfort, and able to recline the back similar to the recliner on the passenger seat.

The cargo area can be positioned as a picnic or tailgate parties. This area hooks for cargo nets to prevent items from sliding around. I've also been told the seats have heating/air conditioning systems designed for individual needs and the heated or cooled air will provide a general amount to the rear seat.

The enjoyment of the Maxx began when I started the V6 engine, linked to a four-speed automatic transmission. This is not a powerful car, but the 200 horsepower was more than adequate for my demands. Best



NUMEROUS CHANGES — inside and out — have maximized the desirability of the Malibu Maxx LS, including the option of a DVD-based rear-seat entertainment system, inset.

MOTOR MATTERS

KEANE ON WHEELS

of all, it is rated 22 miles per gallon city and 30 mpg highway.

My Maxx tester was loaded with thoughtful features, such as a tilt-telescopic steering wheel. That, along with six-way power seat controls, including a seat-height adjuster, made it very easy to find an ideal driving position. Because I felt so comfortable behind the wheel, and because the Maxx was so easy to handle, I immensely enjoyed the test-drive. I began to wonder what Chevrolet did to the suspension system of this car.

I asked the experts in the engineering department. I learned that all Malibu models have an independent front suspension with McPherson struts and four-link independent rear suspension. They also have power brakes and electric power steering with variable assist for low- and high-speed

CHEVROLET MALIBU MAXX LS

Vehicle Type	Five-passenger, four-door, midsize FWD sedan
Suggested Retail	\$21,360
Price As Tested	\$24,240
Engine Type	.V6 OHV 12 valve w/SPFI
Horsepower	200 @ 5,400 rpm
Torque	220 @ 3,200 rpm
Transmission	Four-speed automatic
Wheelbase	112 inches
Height	59 inches
Curb Weight	3,458 pounds
Fuel Capacity	16 gallons
Mileage	City/highway 22/30

maneuvers. I was told about the noise-reducing features, including a cast foam-rubber barrier over the dash panel plus fiber-glass hood insulator. This explained why the interior was so quiet, making conversation easier.

Then I found the rear skylight thoughtfully includes a window shade. It also has a driver's information center and remote starter system. (It was nice to start the engine from my kitchen and allow the air conditioner to cool the car before I got into it.)

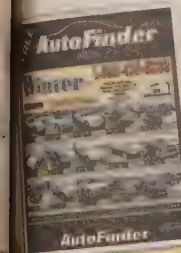
Another favorite includes XM Satellite Radio and the option of a rear-seat audio system or a DVD-based rear-seat entertainment system.

Naturally, this car has all the latest safety features. Put it all together and it explains why the Maxx is viewed with maximum improvement.

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BY VERN PARKER
MOTOR MATTERS

Toward the end of the summer in 2001 he saw in a national publication a picture of a 1964 Chevrolet Impala Super Sport. It had some

"There I was on a nearly empty plane with some fully armed National Guard soldiers ready to take out anyone who may look like a threat to the plane," Miller recalls.

Paper changed hands and Miller drove the seller home which was on his way back to Danville, Calif. Leaving Portland Miller noticed the odometer had registered 82,000 miles. He was so excited that he drove straight through to his home on the 14-inch tires. "It really performs well on regular gas," Miller says of his 327-cubic-inch V8 engine.

Washing and waxing his Super Sport is a pleasant task for Miller. He enjoys feeling the curves and ridges. He did discover one small

On "Father's Day" the last three years he has fired up his Super Sport and driven the 240 miles to a glant car show at Pismo Beach. The event has become an annual pilgrimage.

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CARS FROM THE MID-1960S have always been special for David Miller and in 2001 he purchased this 1964 Chevrolet Impala Super Sport.

BY JUNIOR DAMATO
MOTOR MATTERS

Dear Doctor: I own a 1990

many computers on both imports and domestic vehicles. Some computers wear out and others are damaged from computer-controlled switching devices on the engine. A short in the circuit can cause a burn out. The computer is very voltage sensitive. Yes, computers can be rebuilt. Look for a salvage yard that deals with foreign vehicles for a used computer. With a digital ohmmeter, check all of the computer controlled switching devices at the computer connector before plugging in the re-

placement computer. If there is a shorted computer-controlled device, it will immediately burn out the replacement computer. Before removing and installing the computer, the battery must be disconnected for at least one hour. This gives the computer and capacitor time to drain any stored voltage. If you do replace the computer with a used one, you must keep the bill of sale with the VIN number from the vehicle that the computer came from. Since 1996,

Dear James: It's too soon to determine if the 3.5-liter V6 engine will

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1601 Tyler St - \$431,500
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2105 Roosevelt - \$860,000
2310 Russell St - \$825,000
2204 Sacramento - \$642,500
1605 Scenic Av 4 - \$580,000
717 Spruce St - \$1,330,000
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By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 23
LOWEST PRICE: \$365,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,250,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$650,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$664,804

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$341,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$980,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$806,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$709,000

BENICOLBY

TOTAL SALES: 31
LOWEST PRICE: \$360,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,600,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$675,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$726,468

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 9
LOWEST PRICE: \$480,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,100,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$661,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$697,000

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$343,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$650,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$460,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$487,600

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 13
LOWEST PRICE: \$109,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$715,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$510,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$468,346

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$639,000

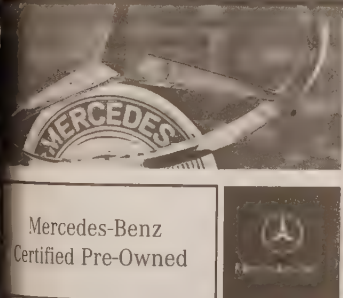
OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 139
LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$2,100,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$508,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$591,122

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$252,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$3,350,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$975,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,428,400

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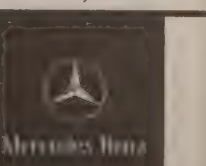
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HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,012,500
MEDIAN PRICE: \$421,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$482,930

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LOWEST PRICE: \$260,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$760,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$566,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$562,104

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TOTAL SALES: 9
LOWEST PRICE: \$300,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$608,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$540,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$514,444

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1938 Talbot-Lago T150 C-28 Fignoni et Falaschi Teardrop Coupe

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1960 Aston Martin DB4 GT

One of only 19 ever built, this aggressive Zagato (chassis DB4GT 0199/L) is the second car to be hand-built and completed fully by famed coachbuilder Ugo Zagato. The special alloy bodied

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1964 Ford GT 40 Prototype

This is the car that won the 24 Hours of Daytona in 1965 with Ken Miles and Lloyd Ruby behind the wheel. Noted drivers Masten Gregory, Ritchie Ginther and Phil Hill first introduced this particular car as a 1964 Ford Factory entry at Le Mans, Reims and Nassau. Sold to a private racing entrant in 1966, this GT 40 (chassis #103) has been owned by the same individual for the last 38 years and is painted in its 1966 racing livery. (Est: \$2,300,000 - \$2,600,000)

1932 Alfa Romeo P3 Tipo B Monoposto

Representing one of the featured marques at the 2005 Pebble Beach Concours, this incredible Alfa Romeo open wheel racer was the pride of the legendary Scuderia Ferrari racing team. The car became known simply as the "P3" (chassis #5006) as it obliterated its competition throughout the 1932 Grand Prix season, winning all three championship races at Monza, the famed 14-mile Nurburgring, and Rheims. One of only six P3s built for the season. (Est: \$2,000,000 - \$2,500,000)

1958 Ferrari 250 GT Tour de France Berlinetta

One of the most attractive, powerful and significant Ferraris of its

time, this 250 GT possesses a beautiful Scaglietti body designed by Pinin Farina. This car is the last Tour de France built in 1959 (chassis #1161GT) and competed at the Lime Rock and Bridgehampton race tracks. With a documented history since new, this particular 250 GT also has competed in the Shell Historic Ferrari Challenge and the Monterey Historics. (Est: \$1,400,000 - \$1,700,000)

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1962 Chaparral 1 Sports Racing Car

Recently restored Ex-Chuck Jones/Team Meridian Chaparral driven by Skip Hudson in 1963. Chaparrals were the last of the classic front-engined sports racers and were successfully raced by top drivers including Jim Hall, Hap Sharp, Harry Heuer, and Roger Ward. Most importantly — this is chassis #004 the only Chaparral of five built currently available for sale. Offered without reserve. (Est: \$650,000 - \$950,000)

1969 Ferrari 512S Spyder Sports Racing Car

Chassis #1006 began its illustrious

trous racing career at Sebring in March of 1970 for Luigi Chinetti's North American Race Team. Its 550 bhp, 4,496 cc double overhead camshaft V12 made this the fastest car Ferrari had ever built to date, capable of 235 mph plus. The car took a second place victory at Daytona in 1971 and participated in 24 hours of Le Mans, 12 hours of Sebring, 1,000 kms of Buenos Aires and Donnybrook. 1006 found a succession of caring owners shortly after its competitive career ended. It remains the single most original and unmodified 512S ever completed and certainly one of the finest examples out of four original "S" configuration cars remaining in the world. (Estimate available on request)

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go about this? — Walter

Dear Walter: Try an Internet site, such as eBay. Also, there are many old car and hobby magazines that have a classified section to advertise.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2004 Mazda MPV with only 1,400 miles. My wife does not drive much and when she does, the trips are very short. I went to the dealer and asked about synthetic oil. They said if I use anything other than the 5W20 conventional oil and something happened to the engine, the warranty would be void. Is this true? I thought synthetic oil was the best. — Abbie

Dear Abbie: This is the first I've heard of synthetic oil voiding a warranty. I would read the owner's manual for fluid recommendations and oil viscosity. Synthetic oil, on average, can increase gas mileage one mile per gallon.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1999 Ford E-350 purchased new with a

V8 engine. It now has 44,000 miles. At 38,000 miles, a spark plug came out of the cylinder head. I had it towed to the Ford dealer.

The dealer charged us for the repair because the spark plug is a maintenance item. This past May, the same spark plug blew out again. The dealer also replaced an ignition coil at my expense, as my Ford extended warranty did not cover this repair. The spark plugs were never changed and I feel I am getting ripped off. Have you ever heard of such a problem? — Scott

Dear Scott: You are not alone with spark plugs coming out of Ford cylinder heads. Go to an online chat room with others to discuss these problems. There are companies that sell a special tool and new spark plug thread insert. Contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. A sudden loss of power when traveling on the highway is a safety concern.

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Buyers market: July auto sales could be the highest the country has seen since October 2001, when U.S. automakers began offering zero-percent financing, Merrill Lynch analyst John Casasa said. "Even foreign automakers that don't have

the employee discounts are benefiting," he said. "Detroit's aggressive incentives and advertising appears to be creating showroom traffic for all brands." Analysts warned there could be payback for the summertime boom. (Source: Associated Press)

Used bargains: The used-car market has been hit by the three Detroit-based carmakers' success in boosting sales of new vehicles

by extending employee discounts to all buyers. Paul Taylor, an economist at the National Automobile Dealers Association, estimates that used-car prices dropped by an average of 4 percent this month, reflecting a decreased supply of vehicles. "There are tremendous bargains for customers looking for basic transportation," Taylor said. (NADA)

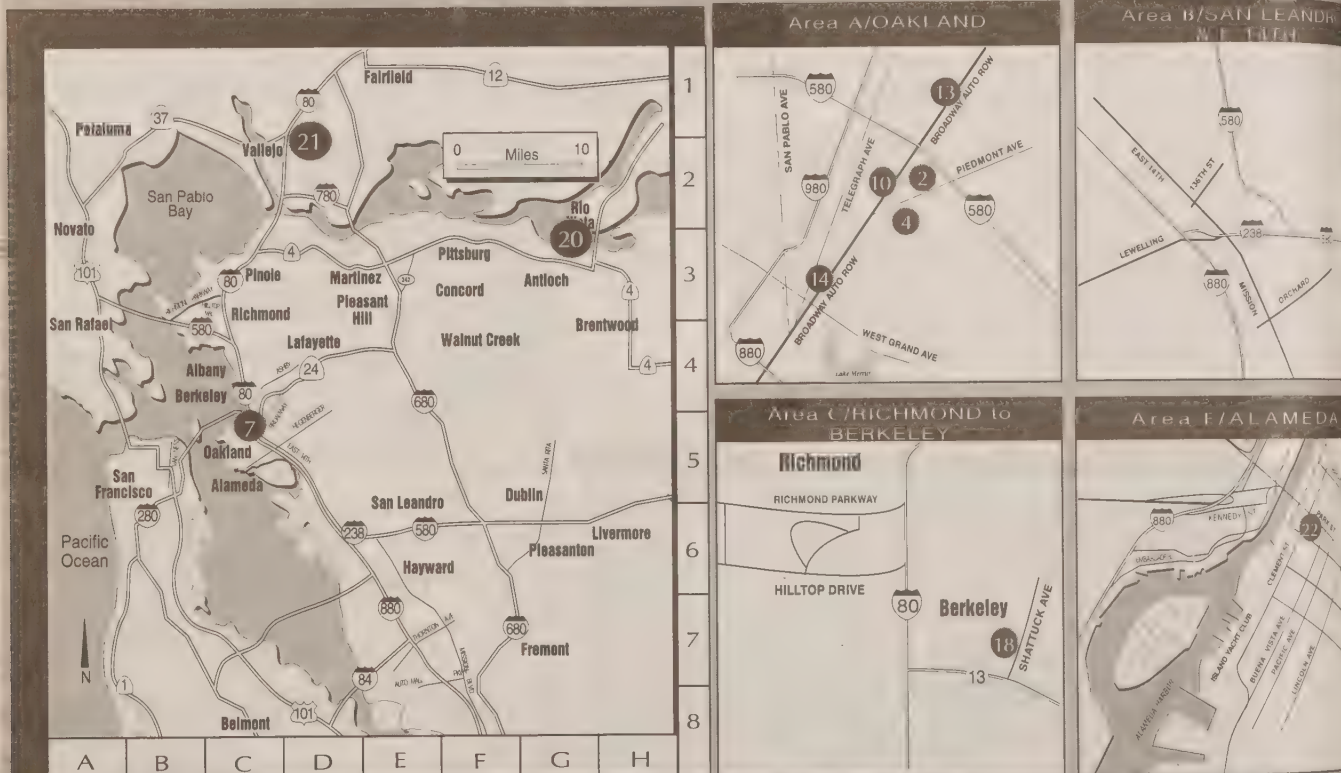


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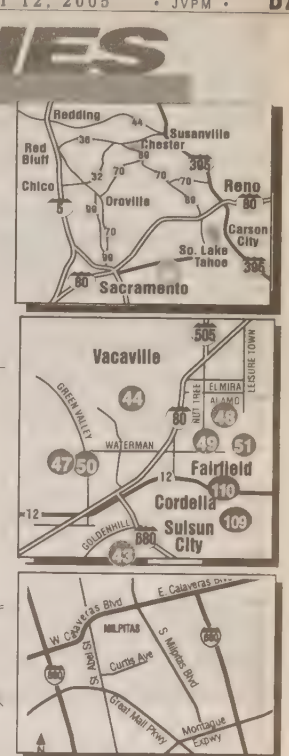
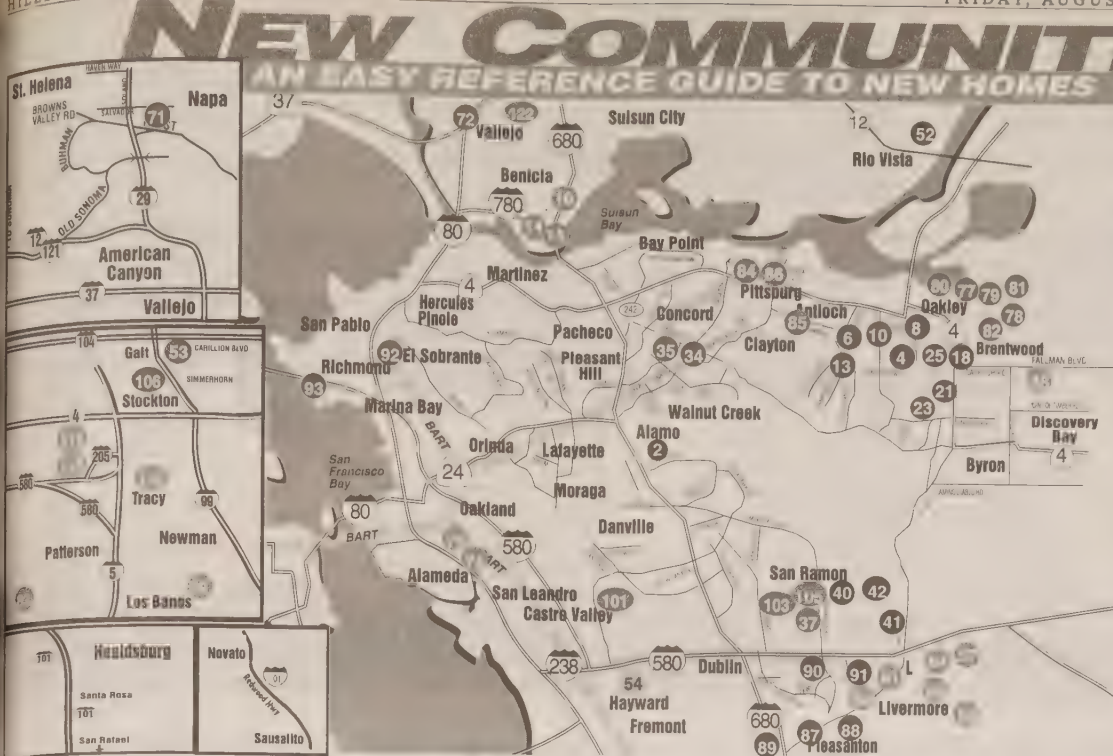
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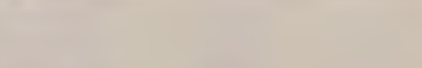
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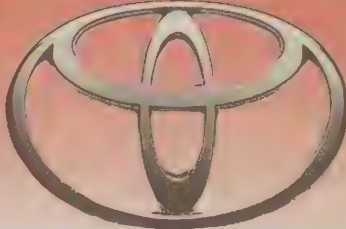
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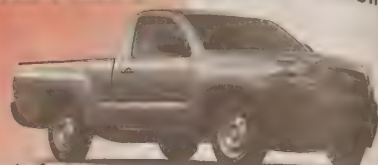
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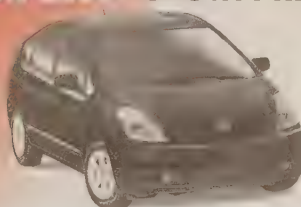
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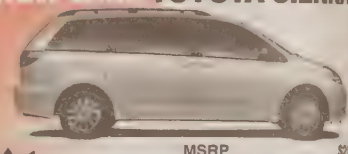
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Navigating your school

By LEIF STRICKLAND
The Dallas Morning News

Ultimately, a student's success in the classroom is up to him or her. But educators and seasoned parents agree that behind every successful student, whether a kindergarten or 11th-grader, is an engaged and informed coach — a parent or other adult role model.

"Kids whose parents are involved in school are much more likely to do well," said Dallas middle school teacher Barbara Dorff, Texas' teacher of the year in 2001. "Parental involvement is critical in a child's success."

We asked teachers and parents to help put together a playbook for the effective academic coach. Here are some of the tips they offered:

GET INVOLVED

One of the best techniques, the experts say, is to lead by example and get involved at school.

"Join the parent association and attend the meetings. Volunteer in the lunch room. Go to parent-teacher night. Be as involved as you can," Dallas educational consultant Elissa Sommerfield said. "That way, you'll demonstrate to your children that you care about their school and you are interested and that they should be as involved as you are."

PRAISE, PRAISE, PRAISE

Another tried-and-true technique is positive reinforcement.

"Praise goes a long way," says Jackie Schornick, a science instructor at Allen High School in Allen, Texas, who was named her district's 2002 secondary teacher of the year.

Conversely, criticism can be damaging if it's not constructive.

When a child doesn't meet expectations, "Don't scold them, don't criticize, and certainly don't compare siblings," Sommerfield said. "That's not constructive. See if you can help them, encourage them to speak to their teachers, or maybe find them outside help."

Also, Schornick said, parents should set reasonable expectations for their children.

"Not every child is going to get an 'A' in everything," she said. "Give them the benefit of the doubt — they're working really, really hard for this 'B' and that's a good grade."

A parent's guide to making the most of this school year

It's common sense: Kids do better in school when their parents are involved. Grades are higher. Attitudes are better. Schools are happier places.

But involvement means more than making a sheet cake for the PTA bake sale. Engaged parents send kids to kindergarten ready to learn and closely monitor their performance in each grade. They require daily homework time. They volunteer in the classroom. They know their kids' teachers. They're always on the lookout for signs that their kids are over-matched or underchallenged by school.

Here, we offer advice to parents — from teachers, administrators, researchers and other parents — on how to take an active role in their kids' education.

TALK TO THE TEACHER

Many problems can be averted or quickly solved if parents establish a relationship with teachers early in the year, said Margaret O'Connor, a mother of four and a past PTA president.

Her recommendation: Make contact during the first couple weeks of school. Follow up with an e-mail or short letter. And make time for parent-teacher conferences.

Then, if a problem arises,

the lines of communication will be open.

"Communication is vital," O'Connor said. "A problem that nobody talks about just festers."

Schornick said she tries to make contact with parents as soon as problems arise.

"Once students find out that their parents and I are e-mail buddies, things change pretty quickly," she said. "They know that if they're doing a great job, or if they're not, I'll let their parents know."



ASSIST, BUT DON'T IMPOSE

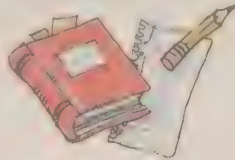
Sommerfield said one of the toughest problems for parents is knowing how much help is too much. And one of the toughest lessons is that failure can lead to success.

"Parents should assist with homework if their child requests it, but assisting doesn't mean doing the homework yourself," she said. "You have to allow your children to fail sometimes. Many studies have shown that you learn more from your failures than your successes."

Still, not all children are able to handle their homework alone, said Dorff, who teaches journalism and history.

"Some students are very capable of taking an assignment and doing it," she said. "But other students, particularly those with learning disabilities, need extra support. You have to draw the line at not doing the thinking for them ... but you certainly can be an excellent one-on-one tutor."

Whatever the method, a parent should watch closely to be sure they're helping and not frustrating the child, Dorff said.



HELP THEM GET ORGANIZED

At-home study habits can greatly influence a child's success at school. Parents should help their children develop a consistent study schedule and foster a good environment, Schornick said.

"Often when they think they're studying, they're really not because there are so many distractions," she said. "If a kid is struggling, I advise the parents to encourage their child to change venues or cut down on the distractions."

Sommerfield, who co-wrote a book on studying skills, says parents should help their children get in the habit of keeping track of assignments on detailed calendars.

"Scheduling yourself is one way to get into a routine, and good study skills are partly the result of habit," she said.

'How was school today?' Get the real answer

TALK TO YOUR CHILD

Obvious but often overlooked: The best source of information about your kid is your kid. Talk in a comfortable setting. Be curious but not confrontational.

TALK WITH THE TEACHER

Do this frequently. Go to the meet-and-greet when school starts. Exchange e-mail addresses and phone numbers, and don't be afraid to use them. Follow up, and be sure to attend all parent-teacher conferences. Get to know the teacher and the expectations he or she has for your child.

TALK TO OTHER PARENTS

Ask how their children are doing in school. How do they like the teacher? The principal? Stay in the loop about school news. Find out about your child's current teacher by talking to parents of older children.

TALK TO THE PRINCIPAL

No one is more important to the success or failure of a school. How much time does he or she spend directly overseeing teachers? How much does he or she encourage parental participation?

GET TO KNOW THE SCHOOL SECRETARY

This is the person at the nerve center of the school, who knows what's really going on. And, chances are, you'll have to rely on the secretary or office manager more than once to set up a meeting with the principal or get a message to your child's teacher.

VOLUNTEER AT SCHOOL

Being on campus on a regular basis can break the ice with teachers and administrators. It also gives you a firsthand view of what's going on.



Tips for parent-teacher conferences

You should get more out of a parent-teacher conference than a review of grades and a peek at art projects. Experts offer the following list of things to ask a teacher:

EARLY IN THE SCHOOL YEAR ...

1. What specific skills and knowledge will your child be expected to master this year? Ask about key subject areas — math, science, history, English.
2. How are students informed about the academic standards they're expected to meet?
3. What kind of assignments has the teacher planned to help your child master what's expected?
4. How will your child be evaluated? What kind of information is used? How are grades determined in

your child's classroom?

5. What can you do to be involved in your child's progress? What can you do at home to complement what is happening in the classroom?

6. How does the teacher accommodate the differences in the way students learn? What if your child is a slow learner and falls behind, or is a fast learner and is bored?



Ten tips from involved parents

5. **KNOW THE CHAIN OF COMMAND**
Even the superintendent has bosses — the members of the school board. Feel free to address the board during public sessions at board meetings about any problems after you've gone up the chain. After that, try your state's education agency if you have to.

6. **BE PERSISTENT**
Don't be turned away by the first "no." Learn the grievance process in your school district.

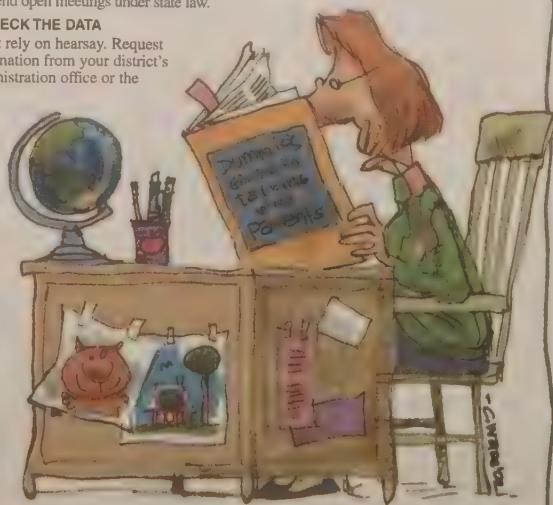
7. **KNOWLEDGE IS POWER**
Know your rights to public information and to attend open meetings under state law.

8. **CHECK THE DATA**
Don't rely on hearsay. Request information from your district's administration office or the

state education department for information ranging from teachers' experience to dropout stats.

9. **GET INVOLVED**
Don't be kept out of campus-level planning and decision-making committees — parent representation is required by law. Campuses must hold at least one public meeting per year.

10. **KNOW THE TEACHER**
You may not be entitled to personal information, but you're entitled to know whether your child's teacher is certified.



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Double-wide 'mobile villas' fetching seven figures in California

BY MICHAEL MARTINEZ
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

MALIBU, Calif. — So wonderfully Californian, Marsha Weidman's home has it all — beside the beach, far from noisy traffic, with a Jacuzzi used to watch sunsets over the Pacific.

For this, she and her husband recently paid \$1.05 million.

For that, they got a trailer, built in 1971, without any land.

Plus, the family must pay "space rent," which at two Malibu parks dotted with seven-figure trailers ranges from \$800 to \$2,500 monthly.

The nation's frenzied housing boom has come to this: Even trailer parks, long the butt of jokes about tornado targets and redneck living, are enjoying fat greenback prices.

But, oh, what a mobile home it is, Weidman says.

"When people think of 'mobile home,' they think of 'trailer,'" said Weidman, a former attorney who is the mother of two teenagers. "Mobile homes aren't what they were. They're not the little 9-by-15s on wheels. These are homes."

Indeed, virtually all trailers in such developments are not mobile at all. Some are on permanent foundations; their nomad days are over.

Such units in the Florida Keys are seeing prices approaching a cool million, including one waterfront trailer on Stock Island next to Key West that's on the market for \$799,000, said listing real estate agent Larry Salas, of Miami. That price includes land, however.

"It's crazy because these trailers, before, they would be like a bad neighborhood. There was a stigma being in a trailer park," Salas said. "But here it's gone through such a metamorphosis."

The seven-digit prices, touching only those trailers parked permanently beside the sea, have made for giddy moments with neighbors such as George Keosasaian, whose wife and two children moved five years ago into the gated Point Dume Club mobile park where Weidman also lives.

The mobile home he bought for \$140,000 then will be worth \$950,000 once he completes an 800-foot addition, Keosasaian says. A reappraisal this year assigned a \$750,000 value to his home, which has no ocean view.

"When I first saw this, I said, 'There's no way I'm living in a mobile home — trailer trash,'" said Keosasaian, a contractor now rebuilding a nearby million-dollar mobile home overlooking famous Zuma Beach. "My wife said, 'We

live in a trailer!' I said, 'If we build it to look like a house, will you stop calling it a trailer?' She doesn't call it a trailer any more."

Like other savvy owners seeking millionaire buyers, Keosasaian's abode has been remodeled to resemble a Craftsman bungalow, with stucco walls covering the trailer's steel chassis, hitch, brake lights and license plate holder.

Increasingly, the residences are refashioned into more than a towed home.

When Weidman bought her double-wide, it already had been remodeled to evoke a cottage, with airy interior rooms illuminated by skylights, comfy outdoor wooden decks and a front-yard rose garden.

It's in the Point Dume Club, a 297-unit mobile park built in 1970 that resembles a subdivision with winding streets, a clubhouse with a pool and tennis and basketball courts, and a guard in an entrance booth.

More recently, several trailers have been razed and rebuilt with stylish architecture and custom finishes, including Viking stoves, Sub-Zero refrigerators, Swarovski crystal lighting and travertine floors.

For example, developer Janet Levine of Malibu Holdings paid \$790,000 for an old trailer and built a new structure, selling it for \$1.75 million this year in Point Dume Club.

She's doing two more reconstructions just down the drive, including one three-decade-old trailer with surfboards stacked outside that she bought recently for \$840,000 and will redevelop into a structure worth about \$1.8 million. Another she bought for \$800,000 will be listed for \$1.6 million once it's redeveloped, she said. She is planning to install or has already built replacements with the architecture of traditional Japanese, 1960s Palm Springs and modern minimalist styles.

"We call them mobile villas," Levine said.

Still, they're all officially trailers, with occupants of the older units like Keosasaian even cutting a \$59 check yearly for state registration.

"If you were to ask longtime residents, they don't like it, they don't like the change," said Kirsten Ribnick, a mobile-home owner in Malibu and interior designer who has seen her business prosper thanks to new, well-to-do neighbors. "What do I think? I think it's great."

Despite extravagant makeovers, a giveaway is often a floor and front door always 3 feet above ground. Another telltale is a less-wealthy neighbor with horizontal metal or

vinyl siding.

Despite the outrageous price tags, the domiciles are a bargain for their location, according to owners. A house similarly positioned in celebrity-choked Malibu — close to the surf with views of coastal mountains — would cost tens of millions of dollars, they say.

"If you look at the view in my yard, you'd understand," Weidman said.

Caressed by cool breezes on a small bluff, her home suffers no obstructed views — just water, sand and hillside flora including jade, pine and rosemary. "That was the key reason for why what I spent," she said.

David Carter, a real estate agent specializing in Malibu's mobile-home market the past 20 years, said the first million-dollar sale of a motor home in the city came two years ago.

"There used to be only one or two," said Carter. "We'll probably sell five or six in the million-dollar range this year. We've already sold three this year."

"We're just finding a lot of buyers who don't want to spend \$10 million for a similar view and location for a house, so they will buy these beach homes for a second home."

The million-plus prices also are posted in Malibu's Paradise Cove, a trailer park beside a surfers' beach where the 1970s TV show "The Rockford Files" situated a ragtag trailer for James Garner's private eye character.

Cove resident Maggie Bright has put her family's double-wide up for sale for \$875,000, and they plan to move to New Orleans, she said. Their coach sits six or seven trailers away from a bluff's rim with a commanding view of the coast.

She and her husband bought the 1,300-square-foot trailer for \$159,000 five years ago and spent \$45,000 remodeling the three-decade-old coach with high-end appliances, skylights and tile, Bright said.

"Malibu has really gone nuts, as has most of California," she said.

Securing a mortgage for such high-end mobile homes can be difficult, but Clay Dickens, vice president of Community West Bank in Goleta, Calif., has made a niche out of lending to mobile-home buyers, extending \$100 million in such loans the past seven years, he said.

"It's an unusual thing. There's no title to it. You're kind of lending somewhat — most banks don't like the verbiage — on blue



AMANDA WEIDMAN, 18, looks out of her parents' home which has a view of Zuma Beach and the Pacific Ocean. The mobile home was purchased for \$1 million, and the land space in the park rents separately.



WEIDMAN LOUNGES in front of her parents' home.

sky," said Dickens, a native of Chicago.

The risk for buyers is whether park owners will redevelop their site into single-family homes, but Dickens said Malibu's two parks are unlikely to do so.

Deborah Miller, property manager for Point Dume Club, said there is virtually no chance that

park will be redeveloped. The 99-acre site is part of the original holdings of her great-great-grandfather Frederick H. Rindge, who owned what now is all of Malibu in the late 1800s.

Miller's mother and grandmother own Point Dume (pronounced by the family as "do-MAY") Club, she said.

"That's always a question I'm asked when someone here," Miller said. "There is no guarantee that we have no desire to change the park."

Flattering photos: Take steps to avoid presenting negative image

BY DOUG WORGUL
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — You're just back from your Colorado vacation and you eagerly download your digital photos and, well, you're horrified because you look terrible in every photo. You look like a frightened, bloated mannequin with a wedgie.

It doesn't have to be that way. Here's some advice from experts on how to look happy and snappy

in future snapshots.

On the Web site www.milton-keynes.com, professional photographer Di Fisher says that one trick is to stand or sit a bit sideways. Movie stars have perfected this technique. Rarely do you see Hollywood types facing a camera full-frontal.

Fisher says stand with your feet slightly apart, one foot in front of the other. Then shift your weight to your back foot. This will relax your

front leg. It will also prevent you from leaning toward the camera. Because objects closer to the camera look larger, you probably don't want to lean in too close.

Use posture. Keep your back

straight and tall. If you're sitting down, sit on the front edge of your chair. This will help keep your posture straight.

Bright colored or white clothing will make you look heavier, and pat-

terned clothes look busy and

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Dorm lessons for back-to-college crowd

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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Preparing for back to college is a no-brainer. All you need to do is buy a new bed, dresser, sheets, pillows and a place to take to the commu-

bathroom. Not anymore, dude. This is huge. Everyone is competing for your back-to-dorm dollars. From Ty Pennington's TYU to Campus Collection at Room Solutions at design-target.com, even Kmart is trying to generate hipster hype with the 60 Collection, a brand kicked off in time for back to school. These collections join the offerings from typical spots you go for dorm decor such as Bed, Bath & Beyond and The Container Store. So what's really happening

We are seeing part of a broader trend that has to do with kids having more input into their home furnishings and caring more about their space. Michelle Lamb, publisher of Trend Curve newsletter, said in a recent interview from her office in Eden Prairie, Minn. "Years ago, Lamb said, college students lived with whatever their parents suggested. Folks 'made' with what they had and what was given. People don't 'make do' anymore," she said. "College kids want used stuff. That's totally incorrect. If it's used, it's cheap. And even that's not about being do, it's about making a statement. And retail is trying harder to entice you with their offerings."

At Sears, there's the celeb of hunky Ty Pennington, host of Extreme Makeover: Home Edi-

tion." Pennington's TYU Back to Campus Collection emphasizes casual living, comfort and color. Each of the three new looks — Horizon, Lagoon and Loft — includes bedding and mix-and-match accessories. Some capitalize on Pennington's fave expressions such as pillows with "Love This" or "Kick It."

"My collections make it easy and fun to create the sweetest hangout and study space," he says in the Sears' ad featuring his photo. "Mix texture, colors and patterns. Your personality, your room."

Jon Gieselman, Kmart's vice president of advertising and public relations, agrees that individual style is an important ingredient in dorm design. "Kids want to make a personal expression of style," he said. "They can do it with apparel. They can do it with accessories. They can do it with a backpack and notebooks. It translates into home decor. You can create a personal sense of style in how your dorm room looks. The days of bringing the hand-me-down comforter from home are gone. People want to differentiate themselves from the crowd."

Kmart, Sears' new sibling company, is appearing more edgy in its back-to-school launch of the 60 Collection, a new brand that will continue throughout the year with products geared to different seasons. The youth-driven collection, which evokes a fast-paced lifestyle, also includes bedding, decorative pillows, furniture, storage and lighting.

"We are injecting a great deal more of design into the product," Gieselman said. "Take a storage bin. Just because it has a utilitarian look doesn't mean it can't look great."

The pioneer in bringing good design to the masses is Target, and this year's Room Solutions doesn't disappoint. It includes exclusive products from California

Closets to help organize tight spaces, funky furniture such as foam lounge chairs, retro-style clocks and bright bedding and bath stuff in blue, green and orange stripes and waves. There are also decorative file boxes with matching folders and chrome Memorex radios.

Target spokeswoman Aimee Sands says not too many years ago, the bed was "it" for back to dorm.

"Now there is a much more coordinated look," she said. "There are wall organizers, bulletin boards, ottomans. It's about creating a unique, comfortable living space. This is the first chance a student has to create a space that shows who they are."

One of the best ways to show who you are is to put your personal stamp on your dorm room with color.

"Students want things that are fun, not staid," Bed, Bath & Beyond spokeswoman Naomi Villani said in a telephone interview. "You are going into a dorm with white walls and accessories are a great way to make it your own. And, if after a year you are sick of your pink shower tote, you can get one in another color."

Although getting the right bedding to express your personality is still important, Anne Evans of Linens 'N Things said over time the emphasis has moved to other parts of the room.

"We realize that kids do a lot of living in small spaces," she said. "We try to cater to their multifaceted lifestyle of sleeping, socializing and studying in their room. The emphasis has moved dramatically to extra seating and fabulous chairs. Technology has driven the need for additional furnishings. We take into consideration that the kids may be using laptops and have things like the computer lap desk with a wrist rest. Kids want to be comfortable."

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Dorms of distinction

You don't want your room to look played out. You want it to be hot. Here are the trends that our experts say will help you do your dorm.

Colors: It's all about bold and bright color, like this lounge mat (\$39.99) from TYU Collection at Sears. You'll find citrus hues like orange as well as yellow, hot pink, purple and blue. Other collections turn back the clock to the '70s with combos of orange, avocado green and brown.

Patterns: Wide stripes are big news. So are designs that take inspiration from your clothes, such as European soccer uniforms and shirts with patches. In the dorm, they translate into jersey sheets and bedspreads with patches.

Lamps: Desk lamps no longer rule alone. Target has a Wave Pendant Lamp in bright orange (\$9.99) reminiscent of a vintage George Nelson bubble lamp. And Bed, Bath & Beyond has Pendant Disc Chandeliers (\$9.99) in Blue, Orange Crush, Purple Haze, Bubble Gum Pink and Kermit (green).

Seating: Ottomans are big, small and in-between. Some have lift-off lids for extra storage. Other ottomans with folding legs allow you to stow them under the bed, such as these from Target (\$19.99 each). Other cool stuff includes the folding deck rocker (\$89.99) at Linens 'N Things and the Spandex Egg Chair that stretches to fit your body (\$39.99) at Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Storage: Realizing you have a lot of stuff to stow, the storage options get better every year. Both Bed, Bath & Beyond and Linens 'N Things have bed risers (\$9.99 and \$14.99) to allow you to raise the dorm bed high enough to stow plastic containers underneath. They also have storage pieces that co-

ordinate perfectly with the bedding.

Top 12 must-haves for the college freshman

If this is your freshman year, you may not have a clue what you'll need for your dorm room. Here are 12 must-haves from Anne Evans of Linens 'N Things, and Naomi Villani of Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Mattress pad and feather bed: Dorm mattresses are notoriously uncomfortable. You'll need a mattress pad and something to cushion your body such as a waffle pad, foam mattress topper or feather bed.

Sheets: Check your dorm to see what size you'll need. Most have beds that require extra long sheets, 5 inches longer than a standard twin bed.

Pillows: One or two for sleeping and some throw pillows for cuddling.

Towels: You'll need at least two sets in case one is still wet and you need to take another shower.

Towel rack: Towels need someplace to dry. One of the best options is an over-the-door rack, which won't take up any floor space.

Area rug: The rug can cover a yucky floor and coordinate the rest of your room decor.

Surge protector: Don't forget this essential to protect your computer equipment against power surges.

Easy storage: Rooms are small so vertical storage is best. Look for a vertical bookcase or crates that can be stacked as bedside tables or be arranged in different configurations.

Shower tote: Totes have come a long way from the plastic bucket days. They come in bright colors with sections so your shampoo and soap don't spill around. Look for one with holes so the water can drain out.

Task lighting: You'll need a desk lamp for reading and writing. Those with an adjustable gooseneck allow you to focus on your work.

Hamper: Forget the old laundry bags. This essential has come a long way, including pop up hampers with wheels and a carrying strap.

Ironing stuff: Yes, you may actually have to iron something. Buy a collapsible ironing board and an iron.

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You no longer have to pack the stuff up in Mom and Dad's SUV and haul it off to school. These days you can order it on the Internet, coordinate with your roommate and have it delivered straight to the dorm or to a store near your school.

Policies differ with each company. For example, you can order on the Internet from Bed, Bath & Beyond and have it delivered to your dorm. Even though you order online, Linens 'N Things requires you to pick up the order at a store near your dorm. Since acceptance of deliveries varies by school, the stores suggest you check school policy before asking for dorm delivery.

Here are some Internet sites to help decorate your dorm crib:

Bed, Bath & Beyond: This is one of the best-organized sites with great info for back to dorm. It includes five shopping categories, back-to-school checklist and decorating ideas. A "pack and hold" feature allows you to shop online, place your order and have it shipped to your school on the date you pick. See www.bedbathandbeyond.com.

Container Store: Another well-organized Web site, this one has six basic categories for dorm decor, an organization expert you can talk to on the phone and a quiz to help you select your dorm style. See www.containerstore.com.

Kmart: The Dorm Essentials helps you come up with the right look, including a section on dorm must-haves. See www.kmart.com.

Linens 'N Things: Destination Dorm features six categories from crib comforts to extra-long twin

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When couples agree on a housekeeping system, everyone wins

BY EDWARD M. EVELD

KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Multiple choice question: Who ran the vacuum yesterday, remembered to register the kids for August swim lessons and folded one last load of laundry before collapsing on the couch?

A. She did it all.

B. He did it all.

C. We both contributed.

More and more couples are working toward "C." They have discussed the many duties at home and determined who is responsible for what. They have a system. It's specific to them. It works, more or less.

For most marriages, having such a plan is a big deal. Like money disagreements, friction over household chores can cause serious damage.

"The benefits to couples who figure this out are enormous," said Joshua Coleman, psychologist and author.

Creating a system that works takes honesty and creativity. Couples are basing divisions of labor on a variety of factors: time, talent, interest, even pickiness. Some couples focus on what they really want — a clean house, say, or good meals — and let the rest slide. Those with the financial means hire out the chores they can't get to or agree on. Some couples make rigid schedules. Some go with the flow.

Maria and Stephen Steinacker share the cooking, the dishes, the lawn mowing.

Truth is, Maria wanted to mow the lawn, she said. "And I do the gardening because he really doesn't have an interest in it."

But one area they couldn't agree on was the cleaning. She wanted it done regularly. He had a looser plan.

"It just made so much stress," Stephen said.

"Really neither of us wanted to spend our weekend and evening time doing it," said Maria, who works a flexible 35-hour week. Stephen works with computers. "So it was pretty much a slam dunk. We have to get a cleaning person."

They share taking care of their daughters, ages 4 and 7. They plan meals together and try to limit grocery shopping to once a week.

Stephen had a cautionary comment: "If you think things are working out pretty well, you're probably not doing enough."

Research backs him up. Men may think they're pitching in, and compared with their fathers, the stats are much improved. But in dual-income families, men still do only about a third of the shopping and 15 percent of the laundry. And a survey by BabyCenter, a Web

site for parents, showed that more than 60 percent of couples with children argue about housecleaning.

"At the end of the week, women typically have done more than men," said Coleman, who titled his new book "The Lazy Husband: How to Get Men to Do More Parenting and Housework."

Experts mention the usual reasons for the continued inequities. Men still feel less invested in the home than women do. Their housekeeping standards are lower. And society blames women if the house looks crummy and the children aren't well turned-out.

But men are trying harder, and they should, Coleman said. Fairness is one reason, but studies show others.

Women who do a disproportionate share of the housework are at greater risk of depression and more often fantasize about divorce, he said. Children have better relationships with their fathers and even with other children if they come from homes where the men are actively involved in child care and do housework. And when men do more housework, their spouses are more interested in sex.

The best time to work a system, Coleman said, is when the couple feels compassionate and close, not when there's anger and resentment aloft.

Marilyn Hutchinson, a psychologist who has counseled couples in the midst of chore wars, said partners should feel free to alter their system.

A couple she worked with recently evenly divided the chores, but the wife wasn't satisfied with her husband's idea of clean. Now they trade duties once a month.

"That way she can do a deep clean in his areas," she said.

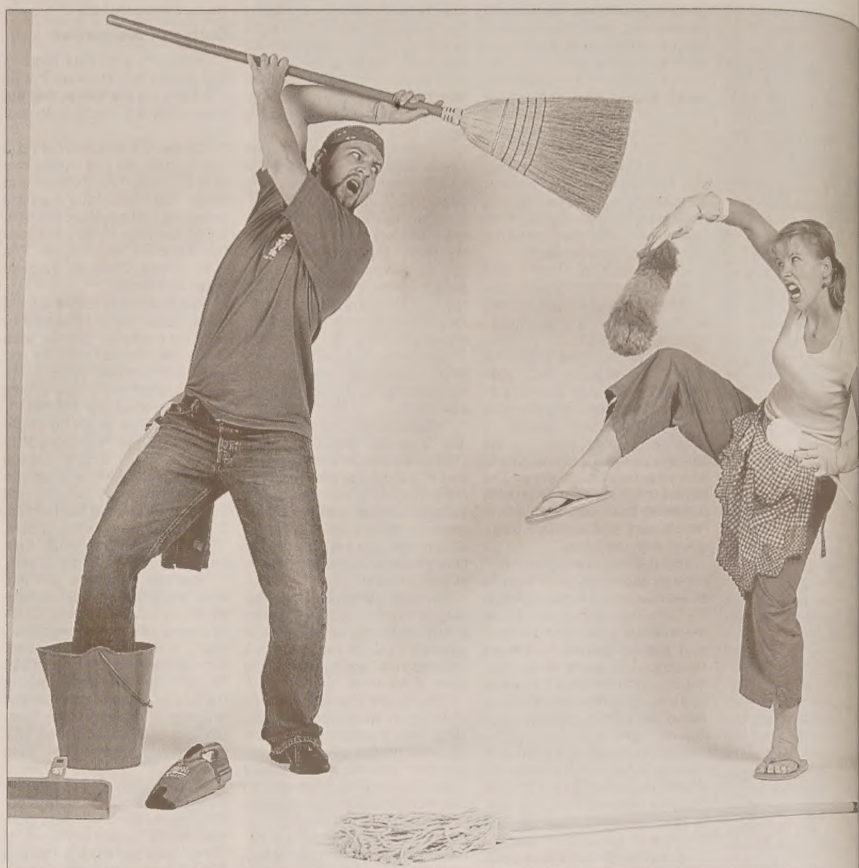
Hutchinson has a few suggestions for couples in negotiation:

Don't be quick to accuse your spouse of laziness. Some people really do have more energy than others, a fact that must be taken into account when making a plan.

Decide whether to make a Plan B in case one person is exceptionally busy at work or gets sick. Tell your spouse when you think he or she isn't keeping up, but don't do it in anger. Try "I noticed that..." rather than "You never..."

Agree on whether you're shooting for "good enough" or "excellent." "Do you want to spend Saturday night at the movies or going from good enough to excellent in housecleaning?" Hutchinson said.

Make sure the disagreement is really about chores and not a fight about something else in the marriage. Some couples may need counseling to figure this one out.



CHORE WARS — will the galactic battle ever end?

Larry Ro-Trock, a psychologist, said couples should ask themselves a question: If the tension and resentment over housework went away, could you identify the next big concern in the marriage?

Ro-Trock said couples should talk about how housework got done when they were young. Men, especially, may need some education if their mothers did it all, he said.

While men are more likely to help with cooking and cleaning up after a meal, housework and laundry are the tasks they find least appealing, sociologists say. So it helps if the male part of the couple is actually a clean freak.

Jennifer Collier calls her husband "meticulous," and for this

couple, clearing clutter is the No. 1 priority. Jarvis is a pastor. Jennifer is a high school music teacher. They entertain at home and don't mind church friends dropping by. Both want the house to be presentable at all times, and it is.

"My husband pushes that, and I'm glad he does," Jennifer said. "People come in and say, 'It looks like nobody lives here!'"

How do they do it? They stick to their anti-clutter agreement, for one thing. Clothes worn to work don't get thrown over a chair. They go to the laundry basket or get set aside in the closet for the dry cleaners. Shoes are put away. If an item goes

astray during the day, it's back in its place by evening.

Jarvis agrees he's thorough. "There's no law that says the trash can has to be full before you empty it," he said.

Actually, Jennifer said, "he hates for trash to be in the trash can."

The other standing agreement is Saturday morning cleaning. They attack the kitchen, the bathrooms and the vacuuming and change linens and towels. The house is big, Jennifer said, so both have to pitch in to get it all done by noon or so. There's no

specific division of chores.

"Things never get too out of order because we do it frequently enough," said Jarvis, who noted they kept it up even after daughter Jenna's eight months ago.

Jarvis said he understands work can seem like drag some. But he has fought around that.

"Sometimes I organize things while I'm vacuuming," said Jarvis. "You don't have to be perfect."

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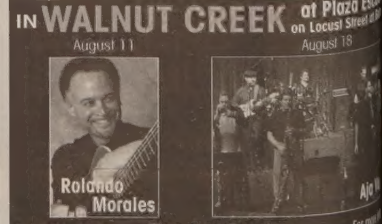
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Target: You have to scroll down the Web site to find "Back to College." Your crash course in dorm decorating. It provides four shopping categories and a way to find your college or college with suggestions for decorating in school colors. This may hard to believe, but you can order a replica of the University of Miami stadium and a women's strainer emblazoned with FSU. See www.target.com.

Decor shows feng in the dorm way

"Dorm Room Feng Shui" (Storey Publishing, \$10.95), by Katherine Olsen, is a simple paperback that promises to change your life. Girl, who doesn't want a little help? Feng shui is the Chinese art of placing objects that some folks believe will do everything from improve your life to help you make better grades. The explanations can get pretty complicated (and boring), but not this time.
I was ready to dismiss this as still another way to make bucks out of the Asian design concept that has gained popularity in the United States over the past decade. But this charming 144-page paperback is easy and easy to browse, unlike some of the other feng shui books that read like a text in a class you would have anything to drop.
Olsen knows how to talk the talk and she does it like she's your buddy giving advice.
"Come on," she writes, "don't even try to fake me out with, 'There's so little room in my dorm and that's why there's so much crap under my bed.' I know you've always had crap under your bed. Let's be honest. The fact is, there shouldn't be anything under your bed, including dust bunnies. So if you're going to put stuff under the bed, make sure it's not dirty laundry... Use the space for storage bins that are neatly placed and rotated often enough that they don't get covered with so much crap that they look like they've been years in a crypt."

The book is far more than clever, down-to-earth writing. It's practical, too. There are plenty of illustrations, in and out lists, dos and don'ts as well as before and afters.

Now entering her senior year at Wooster College in Wooster, Ohio, Olsen has been there. The first big challenge she says she faced in college wasn't zoology or economics but how to make a 10-by-15-foot box feel like home. She sought the help of her aunt, writer Elizabeth MacCrellish, and feng shui expert Margaret M. Donahue to transform her dorm room into what she calls a "super-cool crib." When her college mates loved the look, the three decided to collaborate on this book.
Here is a sample of some of the book's suggestions:

Your door: Make a statement. The dorm police probably won't allow you to paint it purple or drill holes, but you can tape up your fave poster.

Your windows: They represent your outlook on life. So clean the windows, move the boxes and let the sun shine into your room.

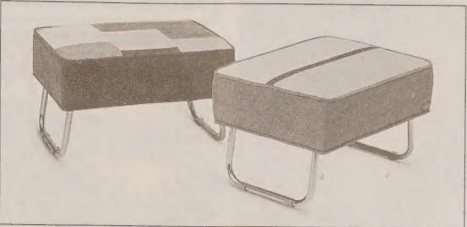
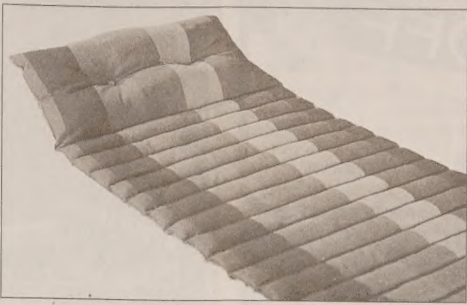
Your bed: Position is everything. Place the headboard against a solid wall and make sure you can easily see the door. You don't want it to be directly in front of the door. If there is no other choice, add a bookcase or other piece of furniture at the foot of the bed to shield you.

Your desk: Again, you don't want to be surprised by someone going up behind you, so the best position is with a view of the door and a solid wall behind you. Can't move the desk? Place a small mirror on the desk so you can see the door. And keep the desk clutter-free.

Your computer: Don't keep it running. If you can't put it behind closed doors, cover it with an attractive cloth when it's not in use. Electric appliances create EMFs or electromagnetic fields, which some experts believe can lead to cancer.

What do you have to lose? Chill and read the book. If it works, have a tall, skim double latte to celebrate.

Feng shui is the Chinese art of placing objects that some folks believe will do everything from improve your love life to help you make better grades.



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on vacuuming to get the job done.

On the theory that they can do a lot but they can't do everything, the Colliers hire someone to do yard work.

Linda Word and Don Mackey came to the same conclusion — some things you just can't get to — but for them the issue was cooking. When they got married 14 years ago, they simply chucked the idea of making their own meals and ate at restaurants.

Eating out was fun for Don's two sons from a previous marriage when they visited on weekends. But Linda showed the boys how to make bacon and eggs.

When they were older and started dating, she told them, girls would be impressed they knew something about the kitchen. This

was not just a ruse, of course.

Linda herself was impressed by a boyfriend in college who cooked her dinner and set the table, complete with a rose in a vase.

"They were like, 'Really?'" she said. "From then on, they cooked breakfast on weekends."

The couple have since altered their meal plan. They still don't cook, but they get their meals for the day delivered to their home every morning from a service called Success Meals. They still make occasional trips to the grocery store for essentials, Linda said. They split those duties.

Linda does a bigger share of the housecleaning, and Don handles the laundry.

"I grew up doing laundry," said Don, who works from home for Sturgesword, the marketing company Linda and a friend started 10 years ago. "My mom worked full time. It wasn't a stretch for me."

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flattering. Darker or muted solids are best.

In group shots, try to maneuver your way into the back row. Again, because objects closer to the camera look larger, those in the front row will appear heavier.

The Web site www.beautytips-online.com suggests that if you know you're going to be part of a casual group photo, try to be the first person in position. That way you can choose the spot that's most flattering to you.

Finally, relax and try not to be too self-conscious. A little planning is good, but once you're in front of the camera, just be yourself and smile naturally. (Additional source: Stephanie Abramson in Real Simple magazine.)

Exaggerated pose: Do something to break up your pose. Put your hand on the shoulder of the person next to you. Put your hands in your pockets. Lean against a wall.

Double chin: Sit or stand up straight and tall. Push your chin out and up a bit. Turn your head slightly to one side. This may feel awkward, but it'll mitigate the double chin effect.

Closed eyes: Try to avoid taking photos at high noon. The glare from the sun makes it almost impossible not to squint.

Ask the photographer to count to three before snapping the picture. Keep your eyes closed for counts 1 and 2, and open them on count 3. This is pretty much fool proof.

Fake smile: Geez. Relax a little. It's only a picture. Try laughing. Make a funny face just before the photographer starts counting down. Keep the muscles in your face loose and turn your face slightly away from the camera.

Dazed and confused: Don't look directly into the camera lens. Look just to the left or right of the camera, perhaps at the photographer's hands, or look just slightly above the camera, maybe at the photographer's forehead. These days people taking informal snapshots are just as likely to hold their digital cameras out in front of them, as opposed to holding them up to their eyes to look through a viewfinder. So try looking at the photographer's chest.

Red-eye: This occurs when your irises dilate. The solution is to fix your eyes on a specific light source behind the camera, if possible. This will constrict your pupils and reduce red-eye.

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